

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 9/10/03	22:00 CONTENT

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

DR. PHIL – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

CHANNEL 6 NEWS - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

DATELINE – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

NBC NIGHTLY NEWS – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

TODAY – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Wednesday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2003

1. CENTRE COUNTY JAIL EXPANSION & OTHER CRIME / LAW ISSUES
2. SOMERSET TEACHERS' STRIKE & OTHER EDUCATION ISSUES
3. CANCER & OTHER HEALTH ISSUES
4. GAS PRICE HIKES & OTHER CONSUMER ISSUES
5. BUDGET CUTS & OTHER GOVERNMENT / POLITICAL ISSUES
6. WATER & OTHER ENVIRONMENT ISSUES
7. WEST NILE VIRUS & OTHER SAFETY ISSUES
8. PLANT CLOSINGS & OTHER JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS ISSUES
9. FAMILY ISSUES
10. SUBSTANCE ABUSE & OTHER TEEN ISSUES
11. SENIOR ISSUES
12. WOMEN'S ISSUES
13. ROADS, PARKING & OTHER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

Public Service Announcement Listing 3rd Quarter 2003 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Summary	Length
ISSUE: CRIME / LAW			
"Jesslyn Rose"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White female-teenager in marching band Killed by drunk driver 11 years after accident	:30
"John Elliot"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White male at Naval Academy Graduation Killed by a drunk driver	:30
"Family"	Drug Rehabilitation & Education Services	People talking about drug problems . . . help	:60 :30
"Jeff Peckler"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	White teenage boy killed, friends speaking at assembly after his death "Drunk Drivers Don't Kill All Their Victims"	:30
"Wiggins Kid's"	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	3 children individually, then shot of car wreck that killed them	:30
"Barry Bonds" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Baseball game, Barry bonds delivering message about drunk driving	:30
"Cyndi Thompson" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Country music video to her delivering message about drunk driving	:30
"Kelly Hu" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Her in studio, to message delivered about drunk driving	:30
"Aerosmith" for RADD	Ad Council/ Drunk Driving Prevention Campaign	Concert shots to Steven Tyler and Joe Perry delivering message about a drunk driver	:30
"High Risk"	Buckle-Up PA: Click It Or Ticket	Different scenario's w/ police and accidents: buckle up is the message, shot of all police from overhead yelling Click it.... At end.	:30
"Teens"	Buckle-Up PA: Click It Or Ticket	Focused on Teen Driving safety and buckling up, some statistics... Police yelling Click It... at the end	:30
"Children"	Buckle-Up PA: Click It Or Ticket	Focuses on small children and their safety seats. Police yelling Click It... at the end	:30
"Your Brain Gets Dizzy"	Drug Free PA	Targets ages 6-9. Kids and animated friends sing about why they don't do drugs.	:20 :30
"Coroner"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens/Parents—Coroner giving report on a girl dying from Ecstasy use.	:10
"Flash Forward"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens: They say ecstasy is the love drug, but when a girl dies at a rave everybody around her ignores her... "Where's the Love"	:20
"Fish Tank"	Drug Free PA	Targets: Tweens/Teens—taking water out of fish tank to represent lack of oxygen to your brain when you do drugs.	:10 :20 :30
"Nervous System"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens—Animated representation of inhalants effects	:30

"Jim"	Drug Free PA	on a nervous system. Targets Parents—father saying his daughter died from doing ecstasy 3 times.	:10
ISSUE: EDUCATION ISSUES			
"Success In School= Success In Life"	Ad Council/ Partners for Public Education	African American family seem to be at athletic event, really at school- get excited about your child's education	:30
"Big Bird/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Big Bird and Bob talking about music, b-roll of kids playing instruments/ singing	:30 :15
"Lifetime Literacy" Leslie Platts	Congressional Family	Congressional Family talking about important current issues	:30
"College Savings"	PAB Dept. of Treasurer	Financial advisor explaining how to save for college . . . really talking to own family	:30
"Oscar/Bob"	Sesame Street Music In Education Works	Oscar and Bob talking about music	:15
"Involved"	National PTA	Set to music. Various shots of kids. Narrator talks about staying involved.	:30
"Moments"	National PTA	Set to music. Various shots of kids. Narrator talks about staying involved	:30
"New Shoes"	National PTA	Set to music. Various shots of kids. Narrator talks about staying involved	:30
"Bedtime Story"	Girl Scouts	Mom telling daughter bedtime story about ram, hard drives, gigabytes, etc.	:30 :20 :15
"Blue Sky"	Girl Scouts	Girl on beach asking why sky is blue.. dad says to match her eyes, she says wrong and gives the scientific explanation	:30 :20
ISSUE: HEALTH ISSUES			
"Numbers"	Coalition for Organ Donation	Kid getting into cab and going into hospital... African Americans are 12% of nation but 35% of those waiting for organs. Only you can save lives.	:60 :30
"Un-funniest Home Video"	Pediatric Emergency Care	Home Video of kid on playground with parents... falls off of swing... "Would you know what to do"	:30
"Elizabeth Dole"	National Hospice Foundation	Speaking about hospice care in the U.S. You do have options... talk about end of life care.	:60 :30 :15
"My Father"	National Hospice Foundation	Woman speaking about putting her father in a hospice, he didn't want to die in hospital. You are entitled to hospice care.	:60 :30 :15 :10
"Did You Know It"	National Mental Health	You can feel sooooo good, but then	:30

	Organization	you can feel sooooo bad. It may bio-polar and they can help.	:10
"ITCO"	PA Breast Cancer Coalition	Executive Director of the coalition asking for you to donate part of your taxes to research.	:15
"Breast Cancer Doesn't Just Affect Women"	Ad Council/ Breast Cancer Research Foundation	White- father and daughter going through daily task without wife/mother who died of BC	:30
"Breast Cancer Doesn't Just Affect Women"	Ad Council/ Breast Cancer Research Foundation	African American Version of father and daughter going through daily tasks without wife/mother who died of BC	:30
"Kids"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Set to music, kids wandering through big city alone – "AIDS has created over 14 million orphans worldwide	:60
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"Everyone's Talking"	PA Department of Health	Over 50, variety of people getting tested for colon cancer – It's saved their lives . . . Prevention matters.	:15 :20 :30 :60
"Kids- Baby In Stroller"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Baby in stroller crying all alone- "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into an orphan"	:15
"Kids-Baby In Crib"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Baby in crib crying an orphan" — "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into	:15
"Kids—Boy w/ Pull Car"	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Boy pulling toy car down vacant highway- —"every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into"	:15
"Dan Quayle-DVT PSA"	The Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology	Dan Quayle discussing at disease he had that millions are susceptible to (DVT)	:60 :30 :15
"Childhood Nutrition"	Penn State Cooperative Extension	Kids and the proper nutrition to help them grow strong.	:30 :20 :10
"Cookies"	American Red Cross	If everyone donated blood, we may have a cookie shortage, but that's okay	:30
" T-Score"	National Osteoporosis Foundation	Celebrity couple (LA Law) talking separately about her finding out she has osteoporosis—"Do you Know your T- Score"	:60
"Beyond The Blues"	Depression and Bi-Polar Support Alliance	Surgeon General of the United States delivering message about mental illness and there is treatment available	:30 :20
"If You Could"	National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute	If you could see a blood clot, plaque on your teeth, etc... then you could fix it – You can't see heart disease #1 killer among women	:20 :30
"Jackie"	National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute	Reenactment of a heart attack on a middle aged woman, she narrates	:30
"I Could...If They Would"	Muscular Dystrophy Association	Very electronic looking and sounding—If they (the	:30

		doctors) could find a cure then he could do a variety of different things.	
"2002 NMDP PSA"	National Marrow Donor Program	Fireman who donated marrow, middle aged woman and child who received marrow—donate marrow—you can make a difference	:60
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"Cubicles: Get A Flu Shot"	Visiting Nurses Association of America	Cartoon of office from overhead—lots of cubicles, one guy is sick—"get your flu shot b/c he won't"	"60 :30 :15
"Stork 111 Nice Workout"	March of Dimes	Take folic acid b/f you want to get pregnant—stork running around gym (a baby is unexpected) some women are running away others are chasing him	:30 :60 :15
" T-Score"	National Osteoporosis Foundation	Celebrity couple (LA Law) talking separately about her finding out she has osteoporosis—"Do you Know your T- Score"	:30 :15
"Put Your Asthma To The Test"	Asthma Action America	Take a test to determine how bad and prevent asthma symptoms, woman having hard time at beginning, breathing great at end	:60 :30
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"Kids—Girl w/ Bear	Ad Council/ United Nations Foundation Aids Awareness	Little girl alone dragging huge bear up a stairway at a station — "every 14 seconds AIDS turns a child into	:15
"Open Mic"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	A man dressed up a Polyp, two cops busting him at a luncheon—"you never know when a colon polyp is going to show up" Humorous in nature	:30 :25
"Family Picnic"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	Man dressed up a colon polyp and invades a family picnic... colon, police come to get him.	:30
"Alley"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	Man dressed up as colon polyp—cops after him in Alley... appears to be a COPS simulation.	:30 :25
"Fridge"	Colon Cancer Prevention & Detection	Man dressed up a colon polyp invading a woman's fridge... You never know when a polyp is going to show up.	:30
"Stress: You Are Not Alone"	The Will Rogers Institute	Mother getting overly stressed by her 2 young children, man looking at bills... if you feel dizzy, etc. Take charge of your stress.	:30 :20 :15
"Dad"	March of Dimes	Premie born, father upset. Babies are born premature everyday, no one knows why, support research.	:30
"Mid-Life Matador"	American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons	Woman going off (you think she's leaving her husband) but she's going to matador camp to get fit....	:60 :30 :15

		Work yourself.	
"The Best Medical Care"	Shriners Hospital For Children	Elliot Gould (Friends)—Shriner's provides medical care for children free of charge	:30 :20
"The Future Is Now"	Shriners Hospital for Children	Scott Bakula—In the future all kid's will have access to free medical care—the future is now.	:30 :20
"Believe It Or Not"	Shriners Hospital for Children	Dean Cain—There's a network of hospitals that provide free healthcare to children	:30 :20
"Family Atmosphere"	Shriner's Hospital for Children	Kurtwood Smith—Kids' feel right at home at Shriners, free medical care.	:30 :20
"Celebrity Montage"	Shriners Hospital for Children	Martin Sheen, Scott Bakula, Michael Richards, Robert Duvall, Ricardo Montalban—You should know about Shriner's....	:30
"Get Real"	Institute of National Diabetes Association	Starts with people getting in shape and eating nothing then it flashes "get real" and has sensible tips for preventing diabetes.	:30
"A New Leash on Life"	Foundation of Biomedical Research	Dog being walked, has a new "leash" on life b/c of open heart surgery. Research helps animals too.	:30
"Color of Life"	Produce For Better Health Foundation	Set to music—different color represent different foods, add a little color to your life.	:30
"Every Seven Minutes"	American Foundation for the Blind	Every week 1400 people are diagnosed with severe visual impairments... they can help.	:30 :20 :15
Mom's on Meningitis	National Meningitis Association	Moms of college students tell their stories of their kids getting meningitis at school.	:60 :30 :15
"Communicating With Deaf People"	National Technical Institute for the Deaf	Woman using sign language while she speaks . . diverse people in background	:30
"Hearing"	American Speech Language Association	Alarm sounding . . other noises. These noises can affect your hearing.	:30
ISSUE: ENVIRONMENT			
"Man On Street"	EPA	People on street answering questions about radon... quiz style.	:60 :30
"One"	Earth Share	Voiced by Harrison Ford—totally animated. One Earth One way to care for it... visit their website to find out what their doing.	:60 :30
ISSUE: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS			
"Flat Tire"	IRS	Woman's car gets a flat tire, getting your tire changed may not be a click away, but your taxes can	:30 :15

"Diaper"	IRS	be. Father running around holding baby with smelly diaper... Life isn't easy as pushing a button, cut your taxes can be.	:30 :15
"I Love You"	IRS	Most working families with kid's qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit.	:30
ISSUE: WOMEN'S ISSUES			
"Who I Am"	Women's Sports Foundation	Various shots of teen athletes (female) Girl who play sports are more likely to succeed in life.	:30
"Talk IBS with Lynda Carter"	Society for Women's Health Research	Irritable Bowel Syndrome – most women have it. Lynda Carter tells where to go to get help	:30 :20
"Mammograms" – Chris English	Congressional Family	Members of Congressional Family Discuss important current issues	:30
ISSUE: FAMILY ISSUES			
"Big Daddy"	Ad Council/ Pennsylvania Fatherhood Initiative	Godzilla and baby Godzilla stomping around blowing fire- set to music – "All it takes to be a dad is a little time..."	:30 :20
"Love . . . Pass It On"	Foundation For A Better Life	Father gets done with hockey game, phone call for him, sings itsy bitsy spider to little girl	:90 :60 :30 :20 :15
"Tarzan"	Ad Council/ Pennsylvania Fatherhood Initiative	Tarzan and son having fun in jungle – "All it takes to be a dad is a little time..."	:30 :20
"Burp"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	African American- big/little brother having burping contest at restaurant- "You have to have to be a perfect role model to be a big brother"	:30
"Office"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	White—set in office, big brother little brother throwing pencils at ceiling- "You don't have to teach algebra to be a big brother"	:30 :20
"Stare"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	White- set in restaurant, female version, staring contest—"you don't have to be..."	:30
"Gum"	Ad Council/ Big Brothers, Big Sisters	African American— bubble gum bubble blowing, bubble pops	:30 :15
"Blackboard"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Couple fighting—she's a teacher when she goes into her classroom he's written I'm sorry all over the chalkboards—marriage first	:60
"Story Time"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Little girl repeatedly asking her father to read her a story. No always the answer, He tells her to ask mom and she says "mommy, can daddy read to me?"	:60

"Eansie Weansie"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Man at work in factory setting, gets a call, sings Eansie Weansie Spider to his little girl on phone	:60
"Answering Machine"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	African American man playing with his little boys as a friend leaves a message on the machine trying to persuade him to play golf	:60
"Cupcake Girls"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Little girls at a tea party going to have cupcakes, not enough for all so they share	:60
"Now More Than Ever"	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Various shots of families: "Families... Isn't it about time?"	:30 :20 :15 :10
"Innocence"	Drug Free PA	Targets Parents—These innocent looking objects may be a sign your kid is doing Ecstasy. (lollipop, certain other items)	:20 :30
"Threats"	Drug Free PA	Targets Parents: talk to your kids about drugs, everybody else is.	:30
"URL-Marijuana"	Drug Free PA	Targets Parents: to know more about marijuana, visit this web site...	:10
"The Facts"	Drug Free PA	Targets Teens—a look inside a meth lab, "what you don't see, is what you get"	:20
"Kidnapped"	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Family kidnaps dad to try and get him to go camping and spend some time with them.	:60 :45 :30
"Missing"		Dad on cell phone saying how he won't make the big game—sees missing posters all over streets looking for home. "Have you seen our dad?"	:60 :45 :30
ISSUE: SAFETY			
"Woman"	National Safety Council/ Wireless Phone Industry	Woman delivering message about car phone safety when driving	:20 :30 :16
"Industry Spokesperson-CEO"	National Safety Council/ Wireless Phone Industry	CEO of National Safety Council delivering message on cellular phone safety when driving	:20 :30 :60
"Home Food Safety... It's in Your Hands"		How to prevent you family from getting sick due to the mishandling of food.	:60 :30

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7/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

HELMET LAW ENFORCEMENT

A repeal of Pennsylvania's helmet law is just a signature away from becoming law. But there are questions about enforcement. How can the police determine age so they know who to pull over? Mark Allen reports.

1:01 – Package

Chief Craig Foust – Johnstown Police Dept.

7/3/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

MUSIC INDUSTRY & DOWNLOADING

Before you click on the download icon, you may want to think twice. The music industry is now hunting down and filing charges against people who illegally share files. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:26 – Package

Chris Carver – Pennswoods.net

7/6/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

DRINKING & DRIVING STANDARDS

Lawmakers in Harrisburg are considering changing drinking and driving laws that could result in jail time for first-time offenders. The punishment would depend on the blood alcohol level.

1:00 – SOT/VO

Rep. Rick Geist – (R) Blair County

7/8/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PREGNANT WOMEN VIOLENCE

Several high profile cases have brought violence against pregnant women to the forefront and to lawmakers in Washington. They are considering increasing penalties for acts of violence against pregnant women and granting rights to unborn children.

:43 – SOT/VO

Tracy Marciniak – Mother of a victim

7/8/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DUI LAW IMPACT

The bill to lower the legal blood alcohol limit has passed through the House, but if it doesn't pass the Senate, there are consequences for Pennsylvania. PennDOT says the state will lose 11 million dollars of federal funding in the first five years.

:55 – SOT/VO

Michele Jacoby – PennDOT

Carol Waltz – Drug/Alcohol Counselor

7/11/03, 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

COUNTY JAIL OVERCROWDED

Clearfield County is trying to find ways to reduce its jail population. It is 40 inmates over capacity. Officials blame an increase DUI convictions along with bad check-writing convictions.

:40 – SOT/VO

Gene Lunsford – Clearfield Commissioner

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7/14/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

CENTRE COUNTY PRISON

After years of being sidelined by politics and protests about the price tag, construction bids are now in for the new Centre County prison. Soon everyone will know just what is the cost to replace the state's most overcrowded prison. Gary Sinderson reports.

:51 – Package

Jon Eich – County administrator

7/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRISON PROJECT BIDS

Plans to build a new prison in Centre County took a giant step forward, despite continued protests about the costs. Bids were opened today, and officials announced the bids were in the ballpark with the original cost estimates.

:52 – SOT/VO

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

7/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

PRISON WORK PROJECT

Cambria County has found a better way to collect fines and court fees due from prisoners. They are putting them to work in the community painting and doing odd jobs. The cheap labor helps the community, the county, and even the prisoners. Mark Allen reports.

1:37 – Package

Joel Offman – Geistown Vol. Fire Co.

7/18/03, 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

PRISON RECOMMENDATION

After reviewing 60 bids for construction of a new prison in Centre County, a consulting team has recommended a jail size of 308 inmates with a price tag of 20 million dollars. While the size and cost issues are finally settled, the question of who is going to supply water remains.

:56 – SOT/VO

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

7/22/03, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRISON BIDS AWARDED

With a vote of 2 to 1, the Centre County Commissioners finally approved bids for construction of a new prison. The twenty million dollar project is needed because the current jail is already filled beyond capacity. Despite the price tag, the commissioners hope that the prison construction will be good for the local economy because it will put people to work.

:47 – SOT/VO

Connie Lucas – County Commissioner

7/24/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Regina Miller

BULLET

A bullet broke the calm of a Centre County Commissioner's meeting today as it broke a window, and police are trying to determine if it was accidental or deliberate. There is concern because the controversial prison project has finally gotten underway, a project where some of the opponents voiced violent opposition. Regina Miller reports.

1:08 – Package

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

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7/25/03, 5 PM, Friday Jane Wells

HOME SECURITY

While the overall crime rate was down slightly last year, burglaries were up one and one-half percent. Jane Wells went to some industry experts to get advice on how to defend your home when you're not there.

2:16 – Package

Sgt. William Berry – Burbank CA Police

Candysee Miller – Insurance Info Network

7/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

DRINKING AND DRIVING / NEW BILL

Soon the State may drop the legal alcohol limit for driving. Supports and groups like SADD and MADD are hoping the State will realize the need to drop the blood alcohol level to .08 for legal intoxication. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:16 – Package

Mike Messina – Prevention specialist

7/28/03, 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

STING ON BULLET

Police in Centre County are still awaiting word on whether a bullet fired into a commissioner's meeting was accidental or deliberate. It was decided that the State Police crime lab would test the pierced window pane in light of recent threats to the commissioners concerning the controversial prison project there.

:49 – SOT/VO

Chief Duane Dixon – Bellefonte Police Dept.

7/29/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SECURITY CONCERNS

After last week's shooting at a Centre County government building, government leaders across the region are taking another look at security. Blinds are being closed in office buildings and a deputy was on patrol in Bellefonte.

:45 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

7/31/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Pam Kane

POLICE COMMITTING CRIMES

When a police officer is accused of a crime, the public at large is the victim. That's the case in Susquehanna Township, Cambria County. Police across the state then find it more difficult to do their jobs. Pam Kane reports.

1:48 – Package

Chief Ron Hellar – Logan Township Police Dept.

7/31/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

REPORTING RAPE CASES / WHAT TO RELEASE

High profile rape cases like the Kobe Bryant case are raising questions about victim's and defendant's rights. The main question is about when it is wrong to release names in these cases. Local family service agencies are weighing in on the issue. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:09 – Package

***NBC: CENTRE COUNTY JAIL EXPANSION & OTHER CRIME /LAW
ISSUES JULY***

Nightly News

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If your loved one is shot by a criminal, should you be allowed to sue the gunmaker? Norah O'Donnell looks at the on-going debate.

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8/4/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

PHILLIPS TRIAL

A jury was selected this morning in the trial of Anwar Phillips, the Penn State football player accused of sexually assaulting a woman on campus. There is still controversy surrounding his playing in last year's bowl game. Today, issues of race and publicity were on the agenda. Gary Sinderson reports.

2:02 – Package

Tony DeBoef – Phillip's attorney

8/4/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

POLICE HIT CAR

Some people are upset after a Conemaugh Township police officer hit another car when he was responding to a call on Saturday. He was going 70 miles per hour and some say that is reckless.

:57 – SOT/VO

William Barbin – Township supervisor

8/4/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

JAIL EXPANSION

Renovations are continuing at Bedford County jail. While it will make space for 32 more inmates, space will still be tight. Alternative sentencing is one option open to that county.

:45 – SOT/VO

Sheriff Gordan Diehl – Bedford County Jail

8/6/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

CAMERAS COMING

After months of debate and discussion, surveillance cameras will soon be in operation in downtown State College. Police see them as a crime-fighting tool, and they are not hiding the fact that the cameras will soon be in place. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:13 – Package

Tom King – State College Police Dept. Chief

8/11/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

HEROIN BUST

A heroin bust in the State College area has police and others concerned about the drug's availability in the community. There are new worries about the devastating effects of heroin use as well. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:10 – Package

Dana Leonard – State College Police

8/11/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

METHADONE CLINIC

Blair County residents are still outraged over the possibility of having a drug rehab clinic in their backyard. This afternoon, they gathered in Antis Township to try to halt the project. Ryan Leckey reports.

:50 – Package

John Eichelberger – (R) Blair County Commissioner

8/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

HATE CRIME

Blair County's small Islamic community is trying to deal with an act of vandalism at its worship center. Swatika's and other symbols of hate were painted on their building. Area religious leaders are calling for those of other faiths to speak out.

:51 – SOT/VO

Rabbi Burt Schuman – Outraged by vandalism

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8/12/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CHARGES AGAINST DIOCESE

More sex accusations for the Altoona-Johnstown Catholic Diocese to answer tonight. Two men say they were abused by local priests as children.

:51 – SOT/VO

Richard Serbin – Victims' attorney

8/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGES

Law officials try to stress the severe consequences of drinking and driving, but that doesn't always work. Now new legislation seeking to lower the legal blood alcohol limit spells out those dire consequences. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:23 – Package

Dave Gorman – Blair County District Attorney

Andrea Shope – Pyramid Healthcare

8/20/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

PRISON GROUNDBREAKING

A highly controversial yet much needed prison project got underway today. It's the new Centre County prison. While the current prison has long outgrown its facility, there is still controversy over the scope and size of the new project. Regina Miller reports.

1:54 – Package

David Himmel – Prison warden

Keith Bierly – County Commissioner

8/25/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

PHILLIPSBURG PRISON

Ground was broken for a prison in Moshannon Valley way back in the Spring of 1999. Since then, the project was waylaid over the issue of a private company operating a prison for Federal convicts. Now the project is back on track, with a completion date set for three years away. Gary Sinderson reports.

:45 – Package

Thomas Jenkins, Jr. – Cornell Companies, Inc.

8/25/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Alison Burns

TRAFFIC CAMERAS

Traffic cameras are supposed to be used to enforce the law and stop drivers from speeding through red lights. But now the Triple A says those cameras are being abused and that they aren't set fairly or consistently. Alison Burns reports.

1:00 – Package

8/26/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PRISON WATER LINES

Ever since Centre County started to look into building a new prison, there's been one nagging question: where will the water come from? From College Township, installing a line would cost about one million dollars. The Bellefonte Borough system already crosses the property, but that system is plagued with leaks. The issue must be decided soon as construction has begun.

1:01 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

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OTHER CRIME / LAW ISSUES AUGUST***

8/26/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

POLICE CHECKPOINTS

With so many people set to hit the road for the Labor Day weekend, police in the area are stepping up the "click it or ticket" campaign. The idea is to remind everyone that wearing your seatbelt can save your life and save your money from fines.

:42 - SOT/VO

Bruce Morris - PA State Trooper

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9/2/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

MUSIC DOWNLOADING

Downloading music on the internet remains especially popular with college students despite threats of legal action. The illegal practice is putting a strain on the Penn State campus computer network. But the president of the university thinks he might have a solution that involves paying a fee for music and to upkeep the network.

:52 - SOT/VO

Graham Spanier - Penn State President

9/3/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

PROPHECY / CRIME PATTERNS

State Police have a new tool that is intended to help them better understand the areas they serve and protect. Natasha McBroom reports on why "Prophecy," a computer system that allows police to analyze crime trends and patterns, could make a big difference.

1:20 - Package

Sgt. Timothy Mercer - PA State Police/Hollidaysburg

9/3/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

HIT AND RUN

Police are reminding drivers that if you have an accident and no one is hurt, you still need to stop and exchange information. They advise that it is best to call police just so there is a record. Otherwise, you could end up facing hit and run charges like one area driver.

:39 - SOT/VO

Capt. Andy Frear - Johnstown Police Dept.

9/9/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PRISON SAFETY

Prison construction is a growing business nationwide. But how do you make them safer? That has become an issue in Centre County where work on a new prison is underway. In the meantime, the family of a former inmate who died in the current facility has filed a lawsuit against the county and prison for what they believe were unsafe conditions. Gary Sinderson reports.

:55 - Package

Scott Conklin - Centre County Commissioner

9/18/03, 5 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

MATRIX DATABASE

Is it an antiterror tool or an unnecessary invasion of privacy? That's the question about a new system called "The Matrix," a law enforcement tool that permits instant analysis of billions of records of not only criminals and suspected terrorists, but ordinary citizens.

:53 - SOT/VO

Howard Simon - A.C.L.U.

Paul Ramer - Florida Intelligence Director

9/18/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

RAPE CHARGES / DNA TECHNOLOGY

Prosecutors are using a new and controversial DNA technique to link a suspect to some State College rapes. They hope to test whether the unique method will stand up in court. Gary Sinderson reports.

:50 - SOT/VO

Ray Gricar - Centre County D.A.

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9/19/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CENTRE COUNTY ACCIDENT HEARING

Legal maneuvers continue in the case of a Hollidaysburg man who was involved in a deadly crash last year. After two magistrates dismissed charges against Joseph Pfeffer, Jr., D.A. Ray Gricar took his case to a judge today.

:41 – SOT/VO

Ray Gricar – Centre County District Attorney

9/24/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

DNA LAWS

Changes may be on the way for police and prosecutors in the way DNA evidence is used for court cases. Lawmakers will soon consider whether police can arrest suspects simply on their DNA profile. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:26 – Package

Ray Gricar – Centre County D.A.

David Crowley - Attorney

9/24/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

NEW DUI BILL

A new drinking and driving bill may soon become a reality in Pennsylvania. The State Senate has approved a measure that will bring Pennsylvania into compliance with Federal requirements for a .08 blood alcohol limit.

:38 – SOT/VO

Rep. Rick Geist – (R) Blair County

9/29/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

PRISON MAKES ROOM

The Bedford County Prison has made space for more inmates by opening a new holding room. The number of inmates has been on the rise so the addition provides room for 32 more beds.

:40 – SOT/VO

Gordan Diehl – Bedford County Sheriff

9/29/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Katie Collett

DUI STANDARDS

Tougher new DUI standards may be in effect in Pennsylvania as early as this week. The new legislation will combine treatment for drunk driving with punishment. But there are some concerns as to what this might cost the State and the area. There will be more prosecutions adding to a heavy caseload. Katie Collett reports.

1:06 – Package

Gordan Diehl – Bedford County Sheriff

9/29/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

NEW DUI LAW LOWERS LIMIT

A new DUI law passed unanimously in the State House tonight and lowers the legal blood alcohol limit to .08 percent. The Federal government required all states to lower the minimum level or risk losing millions of dollars in Federal highway funds.

1:00 – SOT/VO

Rick Geist – (R) Blair County

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7/1/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SUPER APPOINTED

The Johnstown School Board voted to appoint Barbara Parkins the full-time superintendent of the district. They stated that she arrived at a tough time, when the previous super had left, a building project was partially complete, and budgetary issues were at their worse, and she weathered the storm.

:45 – SOT/VO

Ed Cernic – School Board President

7/9/03, 5 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

HEAD START CHANGES

The Head Start Program could be in for changes. Republicans are sponsoring a bill that overhauls the program, adding teacher screenings and literacy requirements. Opponents say the new bill will give control to the states instead of the federal government and that will mean less consistency.

:49 – SOT/VO

Fran Lustigsivi – Head Start Director

7/9/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

COLLEGE FIRES / NEW LAW

You may look at a lot of things when choosing a college, but fire safety usually isn't one of them. Legislators are considering making colleges report their fire and safety records. Currently, only 35 percent of college housing that catches fire is equipped with sprinklers.

:50 – SOT/VO

Rep. Curt Weldon – (R) 7th District

7/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

PUSH FOR SPRINKLERS

Saving lives in fraternities is what is behind a new initiative in State College where all Penn State fraternities may be required to install sprinkler systems. The Borough Council held a special session to discuss the proposal and hear from experts on sprinklers along with reviewing the costs that would be involved. Gary sinderson reports.

1:03 – Package

Tim Knisely – Fire Safety Inspector

7/15/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

ARBITOR'S REPORT/A CLEAR VICTORY

An arbitor's report is back in the dispute between the Somerset School Board and its teachers. The report backs the teachers on most of the sticking points, such as salary and health care. The school board says it is now up to residents.

:55 – SOT/VO

John Coleman – School board president

Jon Critchfield – Union negotiator

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7/15/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Dave Zafris

RURAL SCHOOLS

How do you attract teachers to jobs in small rural school districts where the pay can't compare to the larger urban areas? A new bill in Congress will grant Federal loan forgiveness for teachers who take jobs in those rural districts. Dave Zafris reports.

1:51 – Package

Samuel Peterson – P.O. Superintendent

7/16/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

PATRIOTISM LAW

A court ruling this week has sparked controversy over requiring school students to say the "Pledge of Allegiance." The Patriot Law says that to exempt students from the pledge, parents must be notified. The ACLU says the part will discourage students from exercising their rights. Regina Miller reports.

1:54 – Package

Robert Richards – PSU Expert

7/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

BIBLE GROUP WINS LAWSUIT

The separation of church and state continues to be a hot issue in West Central Pennsylvania. A Federal Appeals Court has ruled that the Punxsutawney Area School District was wrong to ban a student Bible club from meeting during an activity period. Dave Zafris reports.

1:35 – Package

Melissa Donovan – Won lawsuit

7/21/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

HEAD START PLAN

Drastic changes are being considered by lawmakers for Head Start, that would shift control from the Federal government to the states. Most people at that agency say that would be a huge mistake. Mark Allen reports.

1:41 – Package

Fran Sivi – Head Start Director

7/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

SOMERSET TEACHERS

What's the next step, that's the question that Somerset Area teachers are discussing tonight. An arbiter's report on the teachers' dispute has already been rejected by the school board. Where does that leave teachers and students? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:06 – Package

Jon Critchfield – Teachers' union

John Coleman – School Board

7/21/03, 5 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

PELL GRANTS

Thousands of students may have a harder time getting the money they need for college. A new formula affecting student eligibility for Pell grants is being used that may exclude as many as 84,000 college students. Regina Miller reports.

:43 – SOT/VO

Anna Griswold – PSU Financial Aid

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7/21/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

TEACHER STRIKE POSSIBLE

Teachers in Somerset voted to accept an arbitrator's report in their dispute with the school board, but the school board has already rejected that report. While teachers say they are willing to go back to the bargaining table, they say they will not start another year without a contract.

:52 – SOT/VO

Jon Critchfield – Union president

7/21/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

ACTIVE CHEF

In these health-conscience days where childhood obesity is soaring, the answer may be to educate children about food and nutrition. That is the aim of a program at Penn State called "Active Chef."

:41 – SOT/VO

Stephen Yang – Active Chef

7/25/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

HEAD START BILL

A controversial Republican-sponsored bill to overhaul the nation's Head Start program passed the House today by one vote. The bill shifts control to some states and allows religious centers to hire people based on their faith. Democrats say the bill is an assault that will mean larger classes, less parental involvement, and fewer services.

:40 – VO

7/25/03, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

PROFESSOR ON PAROLE

Penn State Directors are pointing the finger of blame at the Texas Parole Board for not telling them that faculty member Dr. Paul Krueger was convicted of murdering three fishermen. However, some would like to know why Penn State didn't ask if he had a criminal record when they hired him.

:55 – SOT/VO

Bill Mahon – University Director

7/30/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NEW OFFER IN SOMERSET

A new offer is on the table for teachers in Somerset. But a union spokesman says it is not good enough. The new offer gives teachers their requested salary scale but not the health care benefits.

:50 – SOT/VO

John Coleman – Board president

Jon Critchfield – Union spokesman

7/31/03, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning disabilities in children don't always show up right away. For parents and kids, it can seem like they've suddenly hit a wall and stopped learning. Lisa Stofko reports on diagnosing the disabilities.

2:05 – Package

Nate Swenson – Diagnosed with dyslexia

Susan Barton – Dyslexia specialist

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7/31/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

BUDGET CONCERNS

Governor Ed Rendell says he'll work to make sure Pennsylvania schools don't have to borrow money to educate the children. Since the budget has not yet passed and subsidy payments may not go out, the state is planning to reimburse any schools needing to borrow funds to operate. He says he is not letting the pressure of school starting deter him from his budget goals.

:58 - SOT/VO

Gov. Ed Rendell - PA Governor

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8/4/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

BUDGET IMPASSE

A little word is causing a big debate. Public schools are required by the State to provide adequate education to students in order to receive state funding. But what constitutes "adequate" depends on who you talk to. Sophia Wharton reports on how all this is a part of the budget impasse.

:53 - Package

Ed Wojnaroski - (D) 71st District

8/4/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

NEW BACKGROUND CHECKS

After a Penn State professor was recently discovered to be a convicted murderer, university administrators say they'll now do background checks on new faculty hires.

:46 - SOT/VO

Bill Mahon - Penn State spokesman

8/4/03, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

RENDELL & EDUCATION

Both Houses in Harrisburg have passed school funding bills, but Rendell says he will veto them. They do not contain his early childhood initiatives. Mark Allen reports.

1:05 - Package

Ed Rendell - (D) Pa Governor

8/4/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

EDUCATION PLAN IN LEGISLATURE

When the PA Senate reconvenes in September, they face what to do with the Governor's education plan. Republicans who dominate both the House and the Senate have hesitated on issues of slots and property taxes.

:45 - SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak - (D) 35th District

8/5/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

ON-LINE LINGO

When kids communicate on-line, they use instant messenger lingo. Teachers are concerned that this casual shorthand is finding its way from after-school chats into class work. Sophia Wharton reports on how educators are trying to fix this problem.

2:15 - Package

Roxanne Nice - 9th Grader

Lucy Pearce - High School English teacher

Jennifer Carlyle - English teacher

Joe Milner, PhD - Author

Katherine Young - English teacher

8/5/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAN

Governor Ed Rendell continues to push for his early childhood initiatives that include full day kindergarten and tutoring programs. But Republican Senators say that Pennsylvania can't afford that kind of financial burden.

:55 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelirer - (R) 30th District

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8/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

LOOMING STRIKE

The teachers' union in Somerset has given the School Board a two-week deadline to accept their contract offer or there might be a strike. Parents are upset and wondering what is ahead for their children. Mark Allen reports.

1:26 - Package

Evonne Alberter - ACRP Somerset County Director

8/11/03, 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

TEACHER CONTRACT / PUBLIC MEETING

The community finally got to voice their opinion tonight in Somerset as the School Board opened the floor for comments on the potential strike situation. Mark Allen reports on reaction.

1:44 - Package

Joe Betta - Concerned resident

Larry Mostoller - Concerned resident

Michelle Weyand - Concerned resident

Jon Critchfield - Union spokesperson

8/12/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

SPRINKLER LEGISLATION

A hearing in Harrisburg today is addressing a major stumbling block in the effort to get fire sprinklers installed in frat houses and off-campus housing. A low-cost loan package would make those sprinklers more accessible.

:39 - VO

8/12/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

SCHOOL EATING HABITS

In the next few weeks, as kids head back to school, they will return to the same very bad eating habits that they had in the last school year. One of every six kids is obese. Sara Burget reports on what kids can do about eating properly at school that can help them beat the weight problem.

1:23 - Package

Dr. Bob Murray - Nutritionist Researcher

8/13/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

FAILING GRADES

Numerous schools in Pennsylvania have been placed on the warning list for not improving enough to reach state standards. The schools are not in compliance with what the state considers adequate yearly progress in a number of categories.

:43 - VO

8/18/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

FRATERNITY SPRINKLERS

State College's Borough Council is approving a measure tonight that will make sprinklers mandatory in all frat houses within the next five years. Cost of installing the sprinklers now appears to be the last major hurdle.

:50 - SOT/VO

Shawn Kauffman - Building Inspector

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8/19/03, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jarod Latch

DRESS CODE

With students coming back to class, the issue of regulating dress codes comes up again. What is considered inappropriate? Jarod Latch reports.

:54 – Package

Alan Johnson – Greater Johnstown principal

8/19/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

STATE ED. SECRETARY / LIGONIER

As teachers in Ligonier headed back to the classroom, they were met by State Education secretary Vicki Phillips who was there to explain how the state plans on helping schools with funding since the state budget for schools has not been approved.

:46 – SOT/VO

Vicki Phillips – PA Education Secretary

8/20/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

SCHOOL PREP

The back-to-school frenzy is underway. You may want to help your child deal with the back-to-school jitters or dealing with bullies, or even changing sleeping habits. But the American Academy of Pediatrics says that children need help adjusting from parents. Helen Chickering reports.

1:22 – Package

Jill Goldberg Arnold – Child Psychologist

Shirley Kindrick – Nutritionist

8/20/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

BUDGET IMPASSE

The budget impasse is costing Penn State both jobs and money. How is the university dealing with the situation? Gary Sinderson reports.

1:20 – Package

Graham Spanier – Penn State president

8/21/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

WRITING GENDER

There's an alarming disparity between boys' and girls' writing skills. Experts say that a big part of the problem may be perception. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:43 – Package

Rob Jenkins – English professor

Kip Thompson – Age 14

Lindsay Bever – Age 13

8/21/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jarod Latch

LAST MEETING

A last ditch effort to prevent a strike in a Somerset County School District is underway where they are trying to hammer out a last minute deal before teachers issue a strike notice. Jarod Latch reports.

1:42 – Package

John Coleman – Pres. School Board

John Critchfield – PSTA Negotiator

Betty Domen – Parent

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8/22/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

SOMERSET CONTRACT

School is supposed to begin on Monday in the Somerset School District, but parents and students are still waiting to see if teachers will strike. That is because the proposal that the board presented to the teacher negotiating team was not accepted at the meeting today. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:00 – Live

8/22/03, 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

TEACHERS' CONTRACT

Students in the Somerset School District will be starting school as usual on Monday. The union feels that enough progress was made to keep talking for at least two more weeks. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:21 – Package

Jon Critchfield – Teachers' Union

John Coleman – School Board

8/25/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

BOOK COSTS/ CAN STUDENTS AFFORD IT?

The cost of a higher education seems to increase every year. State funded institutions continue to raise tuition. But even before they walk into class, they spend about 8 percent of their bill for books. Can students afford it and how can the cost be reduced? Sophia Wharton reports.

1:29 – Package

Tom Dupnock – Manager, UPJ Bookstore

8/25/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SCHOOL BUS RULES

As students head back to the classroom, drivers need to be aware of Pennsylvania school bus law that requires drivers to stop when the bus's red lights are blinking.

:46 – SOT/VO

Jamie Levier – PA State Trooper

8/25/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SUICIDE PREVENTION

For the first time, teachers in four area schools are learning about suicide prevention. Folks from the Cambria County Coroners Office are teaching a class about the Yellow Ribbon Program, a technique credited with saving 2,500 lives over nine years.

:57 – Denny Kwiatkowski – Cambria County Coroner

8/4/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

ANNENBERG GRANT

Individualized reading and math help could be coming to students of the Johnstown School District. Johnstown is number 8 out of the 10 neediest schools and may soon receive funding from the Annenberg Foundation.

:38 – SOT/VO

Barbara Perkins – Johnstown Superintendent

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8/27/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SCHOOL RENOVATION WORK

The Bellefonte School Board wants to renovate the high school instead of building a new one. But how to do that and what the price tag would be is still not resolved.

:34 - VO

8/27/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SKILLS FOR LIFE

Students at a local high school are the first in Pennsylvania to learn new skills for life literally. Many feel that a course teaching safety measures for storing, cooking, and serving food is long overdue. With so many homes having two working parents, these are skills that aren't necessarily passed along as they were in generations past.

:47 - SOT/VO

Dennis Wolfe - Secretary of Agriculture

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Dateline

Friday, August 8

Most of us take reading for granted. But being able to read instructions for an appliance, write a shopping list or check a bus schedule are impossible for a staggering number of adults in the U.S. Roughly 23% or 44 million adults are functionally illiterate according to a 1992 Survey by the Department of Education. Last October, Tom Brokaw was introduced to a group of adults who decided it was time to finally do what they had never done as children, learn to read. Cameras were there to document their frustrations as they learned to balance out their everyday lives and their need to learn how to read. The four students were enrolled in a tutoring program at the Queens Borough Public Library and each have very different reasons for wanting to learn how to read

Today

Wednesday, August 13

On *Back to School Today*, clinical psychiatrist Dr. Ruth Peters has some advice for children and their parents on trying to adjust to new schools.

Today

Thursday, August 14

As part of the continuing series 'Back To School TODAY'...college expenses. Many parents work out a plan for paying the big tuition bills, but what about the "other" expenses that come up? From health insurance to books college costs can really add up. TODAY financial editor Jean Chatzky stops by to provide parents with some suggestions for the often overlooked but unavoidable expenses.

Today

Tuesday, August 19

From academics to food, The Princeton Review's 2004 Edition of "The Best 351 Colleges." The guide is designed to help college applicants decide which school might suit them best. Author Robert Franek joins TODAY for a preview.

Today

Friday, August 29

As part of the continuing series "Back To School TODAY"...Diane Salvatore, Editor and Chief of "Ladies Home Journal," talks about how to help you kids with their homework instead of doing it for them.

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9/1/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

INTERNET ADVANTAGES

Parents are often warned about the dangers of the internet. But a new study looks at all the benefits and all the ways it can help your child gain an academic edge. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:59 – Package

Ashley Walker – Age 16

Christine Colborne – Education

9/2/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

INJURED / SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Should coaches be held accountable when an athlete is hurt during a game or practice? What can parents do to reduce the risk to their children? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:05 – Package

Jordan Olinger – Age 17

Jack Williams – Law Professor

9/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

STRIKE NEARING

A teachers' strike could come as soon as Monday in the Somerset School District. Teachers had agreed to postpone a strike for two weeks while talks continued but no deal is in sight. Mark Allen reports.

:48 – Package

Lonnie Luna – P.S.E.A.

9/3/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

STRIKE SITUATION

Teachers in the Somerset School District met tonight to be updated on the status of talks and to see if the board would have a counter-offer to the one that they had rejected from the teachers.

:49 – SOT/VO

Jon Critchfield – Union president

9/4/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

CHARTER SCHOOLS

There are nearly three thousand charter schools nationwide, and the numbers are growing. But how well do charter students learn? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:08 – Package

Gary Martin – Charter School Principal

9/4/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

PREPARING FOR STRIKE

No progress is being made in the nearly 4-year contract dispute and now everyone is waiting for the teachers' strike notice. Mark Allen reports on what this will mean for students and parents.

1:27 – Package

Kevin Dunmeyer – Parent

Michelle Petrucelli – Parent

Betty Domer – Parent

Vanessa Walker – Student

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9/4/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

PUSH FOR TUTORING

Gov. Ed Rendell met with students from a Middle School to stress the importance of tutoring programs.

:37 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – PA Governor

9/5/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

STRIKE SET

A two-week delay of strike talks in the Somerset Area School District has ended with no deal. A strike is now set to begin Monday morning. It's a situation that no one is happy about, but there seems to be no other possibility at this point. Mark Allen reports.

:43 – Package

Jon Critchfield – Union president

Jim Cascio – Board negotiator

9/5/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SCHOOL'S TEST SCORES

When Pennsylvania tested the state's school districts to meet requirements of the Federal "No Child Left Behind" Act, several area schools received failing grades. The Altoona School District is fighting back. They are contesting the standard for Special Education students.

1:17 – SOT/VO

Tom Bradley -Altoona Area School District

9/8/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

HEAVY BACK PACKS

Grade school students fill their minds with reading, writing, and arithmetic. But heavy backpacks are loading down their bodies. And the strain could last into high school and even adulthood. Sara Burget reports.

1:22 – Package

Joanne Foss – Occupational Therapist

9/8/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

SOMERSET STRIKE

After 4 years of working without a contract, the teachers in the Somerset School District have hit the picket lines. And they're promising not to return anytime soon. Health benefits seem to be the major sticking point. Mark Allen reports.

1:38 – Package

John Coleman – School Board President

Jon Critchfield – President, Teacher's Union

9/8/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

A FOR ANXIETY

Most parents worry when their kids do poorly in school. But what about when kids do well? Experts say that new research shows that high achievers have trouble keeping things in perspective and may put undo pressure on themselves to do well. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:57 – Package

Jen Yu - Mother

Dr. Allen Carter – Psychologist

Zachary Jeng – High achiever

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9/9/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PARENTS DEAL WITH STRIKE

Many parents in the Somerset School District fear that this latest disruption of the school year could negatively affect their child's education, particularly children that are adjusting to the start of kindergarten.

:38 – SOT/VO

Melissa Barron – Somerset parent

9/9/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

PROVIDING CHILD CARE

Parents in the Somerset School District are faced with the problem of who will take care of their children during the strike. With many parents employed, child care is a major dilemma. The Alternative Community Research Program is trying to help.

:53 – SOT/VO

Evonne Alberter – Somerset / Bedford ACRP

9/9/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

MUSIC & EDUCATION

There are lots of reasons parents want their kids to study music. But there may be yet another benefit. Music may improve their memory which may in turn, improve their grades. Lisa Stofko reports on new research.

2:01 – Package

Dr. Carol Drummond – Clinical psychologist

Vivian McLendon – Parent

Garret McLendon – Student guitarist

9/12/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

STUDENTS PICKET/SOMERSET STRIKE

There was a twist in the Somerset teachers' strike today. Students joined the picket line, but it wasn't in support of the teachers. In an anti-strike picket, students said they were worried about their futures. Katie Collett reports.

:46 – Package

Brittany Hoffman – 10th grader

9/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

BAND WOES / TEACHER STRIKE

One potential legal problem has arisen with the Somerset teachers strike, what happens to the extra-curricular activities? It is particularly important to members of the marching band. One of the striking teachers is the director of the band, and that means they can't perform unless the board can work out the situation. Sophia Wharton reports.

:47 – Package

9/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

STUDENTS PROTEST STRIKE

Day number 7 of a teachers' strike in Somerset attracted a group of students to protest. The students say they are not for one side or the other; they just want the adults to work out a solution so they can get back to class.

:40 – SOT/VO

Laura Seachy – 8th Grade

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9/17/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

TEACHER SHORTAGE / LOOKING FOR MEN

The number of male teachers have been dropping steadily since the 1970's. Researchers blame low pay, low status, and the stereotype that early education is a female job. The decline comes when male teachers are very much needed to provide male role models for the growing number of single-parent homes. Regina Miller reports.

:51 – Package

Lucy Harlow – PSEA

9/17/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MILITARY PERSONNEL / LOAN FORGIVENESS

Many of our military personnel who were activated in the war on terror left higher paying jobs to go to their military service. Now they are having trouble meeting their student loan payments. So the Pennsylvania Higher Education assistance Agency has created a loan forgiveness program for these service men and women.

:50 – SOT/VO

Kristy Harp – U.S. Air Force

Amber Curry – U.S. Air Force

9/18/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

TUTORING BENEFITS

When a child is struggling in school, where can he turn for help? One increasingly popular option is professional tutoring. Lisa Stofko reports on whether it works.

2:00 – Package

Mandy Lang – Age 15

William Bolick – Sylvan Learning Center

9/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

POPULATION CHANGES / COLLEGE

The president of Penn State believes that Pennsylvania's shifting population will have an adverse impact for colleges and universities statewide. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:35 – Package

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

9/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

TUITION WORRIES

If you've been trying to save for your kids' college fund, you may feel discouraged about the constant hikes in tuition. Regina Miller reports on what has to happen to make higher education more affordable.

1:26 – Package

Carol Cartright – Kent State president

9/24/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

CAREER & TECH CENTERS

Career and technology centers across the nation stand to lose thousands of dollars in federal funding under a proposal by President Bush. His 2004 budget does not target any money to help votech students with special needs. Mark Allen reports how jobs would be cut at area votech schools at a time when jobs training is extremely important.

1:35 – Package

Lanny Ross – Altoona Career/Tech Center

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9/25/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

SCHOOL VIOLENCE

Despite reports of school violence, government statistics show that overall violent crime is decreasing in schools. But many kids are still afraid. Experts believe it has to do with what they hear from the media. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:43 – Package

Dr. Elaine Mateo – Psychiatrist

Dr. Stephen Garber, PhD - Psychologist

Karl Hart – Age 15

Ayanna Robinson – Age 16

Molly Wyse – Age 17

Adrian Snow – Age 17

9/26/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

FIRE SAFETY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Hundreds of fires every year on college campuses have fueled a new legislative effort to step up fire protection for student housing. The State House is working on making financing available for sprinkler installation in fraternities and other off-campus housing.

:56 – SOT/VO

Tim Knisely – Fire Safety Inspector

9/26/03, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

PROFESSOR STRIKE

A potential teachers strike could effect the entire state. That is because the professors at the 14 state-run universities are threatening to walk off the job.

1:08 – SOT/VO

Bernie Ankney – I.U.P. Professor

9/29/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Regina Miller

STATE BUDGET / SCHOOLS AFFECTED

As officials in Harrisburg drag their feet on the State budget, many schools are struggling to make ends meet. Some are tapping into their reserve funds; others have had to go so far as to borrow money just to meet their monthly bills. Regina Miller reports.

1:19 – Package

Sen. Jake Corman – (R) 34th District

Patricia Best – State College Schools

9/30/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

SAT PREP COURSES

As close to a million students gear up for the current round of SAT exams, many are turning to prep courses for help. Do those courses really give students an edge? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:59 – Package

Caroline Cates – Age 17

Wendy Johnson – Kaplan Score Prep

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9/30/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

COLLEGE RAPE PROGRAMS

As the number of rape and sexual assault cases on college campuses continues to grow in Pennsylvania, a new State House bill is aimed at stopping the trend. It would require state-funded colleges to provide awareness programs for all incoming freshmen. Regina Miller reports.

1:19 – Package

Bill Mahon – PSU Spokesman

9/30/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jarod Latch

PROJECT PEACE

A new program got underway today at Windber Elementary that will make the school safer. Project Peace will train select fourth and fifth graders as mediators who will help other students with problem solving. Jarod Latch reports.

1:43 – Package

Mike Fisher – Attorney General

Corrine Hahagen – Student mediator

Gary Buchsen – Assistant principal

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Nightly News

Tuesday, September 2

NBC Nightly News examines "No Child Left Behind." It is a look at President Bush's education reforms and their effect on how children are taught throughout the United States.

Nightly News

Thursday, September 4

On *Making The Grade*, Nightly News looks at where state colleges and universities turn to save money when tuition increases aren't enough to balance the budget.

Nightly News

Friday, September 5

On *Making The Grade*, Nightly News looks at the new techniques colleges and universities are using to prevent crime on campus this school year.

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7/1/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

CAREGIVER STRESS

Are you among the 7 million Americans who take care of a loved one in your family? Researchers recently uncovered info that points to a link between chronic stress of caregiving and illness for the caregiver. Sara Burget reports.

1:31 – Package

Linda Chafin – Caregiver

Janice Glaser – Researcher

7/1/03, 11/6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

FUNDING FOR UNINSURED

Over a million people in Pennsylvania don't have health insurance, and one Senator may have the answer. He is asking Gov. Ed Rendell to use funds from the cigarette tax for the Adult Basic Insurance Program.

:44 – SOT/VO

Sen. Vincent Hughes – (D) Philadelphia

7/2/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

CANCER PREVENTION

Cancer is one of the top killers in America. More than 50,000 people die from it yearly. But a new report says many of those cases can be prevented. Sara Burget reports.

1:30 – Package

John Seffrin – American Cancer Society

Sue Curry – IOM Study Author

7/3/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

COLON CANCER SCREENING

Each year in this country, there are about 150,000 cases of colorectal cancer. It's the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. But how often should you get tested? Sara Burget reports.

2:20 – Package

Charles Yeh – Sigmoidoscopy Patient

Dr. Robert Schoen – M.P.H.

7/7/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

FETUS EGGS

Scientists have experimented with the idea of harvesting the eggs from the ovaries of aborted fetuses to possibly be used in infertility treatments. That raises the issue of children being born whose mothers never were. Sara Burget reports on the controversy.

1:26 – Package

Hugh Henry – Pro-Life Campaigner

7/7/03, 5 PM, Monday Katrina Owens

BREAST CANCER

A medication currently approved for arthritis pain and colon polyps is now being studied in the fight against breast cancer. Katrina Owens reports.

1:12 – Package

Cindy Ayott – At risk for cancer

Dr. Charles Shapiro – Oncologist

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7/9/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

CARPAL TUNNEL

If you sit at a computer all day, you probably worry about getting Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. That's because a lot of people blame computers when they develop it. But that is not necessarily the cause. Sara Burget reports.

1:11 – Package

Blanca Rivera – Carpal Tunnel sufferer

Dr. Barry Simmons – Hand surgeon

7/10/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

FOOD CRAVINGS

It can be very hard for us to resist certain foods. It turns out that cravings may have a real scientific basis. Sara Burget reports on how to curb the cravings.

1:18 – Package

Dr. Neal Barnard - Psychiatrist

7/10/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

WEST NILE

We are now in the most critical month in the fight against West Nile virus. Area conditions are ideal for mosquitos to breed like crazy. Health officials are asking us to be vigilant to prevent the disease from spreading. Jen Kallin reports on how devastating the disease can be.

3:50 – Package

Pat Snyder – West Nile survivor

Cheryl Snyder – Wife

Dr. M. Bolour – Neurology Resident

7/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

YOUTH FAIR / DRUG MESSAGE

As America's drug problem shows no sign of slowing down, authorities are stepping up their anti-drug message to the group that needs to hear it most. The Summer Youth Fair in Cambria County is targeting elementary school children. Mark Allen reports.

1:10 – Package

Devon Mathieson – Convicted drug dealer

Carole Lacey – Supervisor

7/14/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

CAMP ILLNESSES

When you think of summer, you probably think of camps for kids. But when they come home, it may be with some medical problems. How can you make sure your kids stay healthy at camp? Sara Burget reports.

2:03 – Package

Dr. Robin Altman - Pediatrician

7/15/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

OSTEOPOROSIS

According to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, the disease threatens more than half of those over the age of fifty. How can you keep a normal lifestyle if you have it? Sara Burget reports.

2:30 – Package

Carol Yoder – At risk for osteoporosis

Anna Ploi – in Hope Program

Sharon Plank – Family Practice

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7/16/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

DOCTOR VISITS

Once you make a doctors appointment, you usually have to wait several weeks for the day to arrive. Once you get to the office, you may also spend a great deal of time waiting. Then it seems like you only have a few moments with the doctor. So how can you make you visit worth the wait? Natasha McBroom reports on what you can do during the waiting time to prepare for the visit.

2:07 – Package

Kathy Meckley – Altoona Hospital

7/15/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

COLON TEST

A colonoscopy is an uncomfortable test that many have to endure. Now there is an alternative test, but, as Becky Thompson reports, you may want to decide against the virtual colonoscopy after you consider all the factors.

1:06 – Package

Dr. Michael Macar – Radiologist

Dr. Marvin Lipman – Consumer Reports

7/17/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

TETANUS SHOT

If you've had a tetanus shot when you were younger, you probably think you're good to go. But now, health officials say that half of all adults aren't protected against tetanus and should get a booster shot. Sara Burget reports.

1:37 – Package

Michael Crownhart – Worried about tetanus

Dr. Susan Rehm – Founder, Infectious Diseases

Kris Ehresmann – Minn. Dept. of Health

7/18/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

PERIOD FIX

Hysterectomies have become one of the most common operations in this country. But now there is a way to eliminate surgery as an option for a least on of the leading causes. Sara Burget reports.

1:46 – Package

Cathy Abocas – Novasure patient

Dr. Douglas Smith – OB/GYN

7/18/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Gina Redmond

HAIR DYE DANGERS

More than 55 million women color their hair. Many have used dyes for decades. Gina Redmond reports that new research shows that repeated use of hair dye may be putting your health in danger.

1:57 – Package

Andrea Connelly – Hair Stylist

Robert Getzenberg – Hillman Cancer Center

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7/18/03, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

ON-LINE HEALTH INFO

Many people are trying to self-diagnose using Internet info. UPMC Lee Regional wants to make sure people get correct information, so they've set up a computer terminal that will allow visitors and patients to access reliable online health info.

:51 – SOT/VO

Dr. Michael Balsan – Neonatologist

7/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

PLAYGROUND CONCEPTS

Can children with disabilities still have fun at the playground? They can if the special features they need are set up for them. Those features include bucket swings, additional railings, and wheelchair ramps.

:46 – SOT/VO

Janice Forosisky = Parent

7/21/03, 5 PM, Monday Deanna Lites

SWEATY PALMS

Excessive sweating is a major problem for 2 million Americans. It's an embarrassing medical condition that couldn't be permanently cured without major surgery until now. Dr. Deanna Lites reports on a new procedure.

1:42 – Package

Diane Geros – Patient

Dr. Mitchell Gropper – Neurosurgeon

7/21/03, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

ASTHMA UNDETECTED

It's a common illness that can drastically affect a person's quality of life. Yey, many young people suffer for years with symptoms of asthma and go undiagnosed. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:55 – Package

Alexandria Bennett – Suffers from asthma

Dionne Bennett – Mother

Dr. Howard Silk – Allergist

7/22/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. David Marks

STOPPING STUTTERING

About 2 and ½ million adults stutter. Millions of children have the same problem. The condition can affect every aspect of a person's life. Now a new device can help stutterers speak more fluently. Dr. David Marks reports.

1:37 – Package

Michael Detko – Patient

Dr. Martin Schwartz – Special Sciences

7/23/03, 5 PM, Wednesday David Marks

WORKOUT INJURIES

Nice weather means people are becoming more active. But sometimes, people overdo it and end up with aches, pains, and some serious injuries. Dr. David Marks has some suggestions on how to deal with the injuries.

1:54 – Package

Dr. Robert Gotlin – Beth Israel Medical Center
Dane Mactough – Weekend Warrior

7/24/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

MIGRAINE CURE

Migraine headaches are wxtremely difficult to suffer through. But there is a new clinic that can help you to stop them once and for all. Sara Burget reports.

2:36 – Package

Rose Gregg – In Headache Clinic

Trishul Devineni – Director of Program

Rebecca Loar – In Headache Clinic

7/25/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

GOLF INJURIES

Seven million Americans get medical attention for injuries suffered during sports and recreational activities . That is from the Centers for Disease Control. Golf, like other activities, can also leave you at risk for injuries. Sara Burget reports on how to protect yourself.

1:32 – Package

Vicki Wyder – Physical Therapist

7/28/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

SLO-MO EXERCISE

What do you do if you are tired of trekking to aerobics classes or sweating it out on the treadmill, and you still want to lose weight? A growing number of people are opting for the slow-motion way to fitness. But skeptics say, "Not so fast!" Sara Burget reports on the great weight debate.

2:30 – Package

Fred Hahn – Fitness Expert, Author

Jorge Cruise – Fitness expert, Author

7/29/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

CRAZY GLUE STITCHES

Have you ever read the warnings on crazy glue that tell you not to get it on your skin? That's because it will glue your skin together in seconds. But now doctors are using this characteristic of the substance to replace stitches. Sara Burget reports.

1:48 – Package

Dr. Mokhtae Asaad – Plastic Surgeon

Carol Powell – Eyelid surgery patient

7/30/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

JUNK FOOD ADDICTION

Do you think you're addicted to junk food? Snacks full of fat or sugar have a similar affect on the brain as nicotine or drugs. Sara Burget reports.

1:26 – Package

Colin Ord – Med Alert

Amanda Ursell – Nutritionist

7/30/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVES

The Red Cross is in desperate need of blood and residents in Centre County were asked to respond today. Hospitals are being shorted and in many cases are choosing to defer elective surgeries to cope.

:41 – SOT/VO

Wendy Keeler - Red Cross Coordinator

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ISSUES JULY***

7/31/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Sarah Lee

KIDS / HEALTH INSURANCE

A new national study released today shows that about 8 million kids do not have health insurance. About 4 million of those are entitle to government coverage but aren't receiving it. Sarah Lee reports.

1:00 – Package

Charmaine Muhammed – Mother

Sherrice young – Mother

Vice Admiral R. Carmona – Surgeon General

7/31/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

HEPATITIS C

Three million Americans have hepatitis C. There were 25 thousand new cases reported 2 years ago. It's a disease that can be deadly. Sara Burget reports.

1:58 – Package

Dr. Louis Schenfield – Infectious diseases

***NBC – CANCER & OTHER HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS /
ALCOHOL JULY***

Nightly News

Tuesday, July 1

No more supersizing? A major U.S. food maker plans to reduce the size of its popular snacks.

Nightly News

Friday, July 11

Nightly News looks at cardiac care. A new medication reduces the risk of heart attacks, but are Americans taking it properly? Nightly News has important information for more than 65 million patients with high cholesterol.

Today

Friday, July 18

NBC's Chief Science Correspondent Robert Bazell explains the good and bad news about a new stroke treatment.

Nightly News

Tuesday, July 22

NBC News looks lowering your cholesterol. A new study sheds light on why some diets work much better than others.

Dateline

Tuesday, July 22

John Larson takes a closer look at the Ketogenic Diet, a controversial diet consisting largely of generous helpings of fat, that is used to treat patients with epilepsy.

Nightly News

Wednesday, July 23

NBC Nightly News reports on detecting prostate cancer. Why is a popular blood test much less reliable than previously thought? Robert Bazell reports of the alarming findings of a new study.

***NBC – CANCER & OTHER HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH / DRUGS /
ALCOHOL JULY***

Dateline

Friday, July 25

As human beings, it's not really surprising that doctors and nurses make mistakes. However, what is shocking is the number of those errors. According to a recent government report, each year anywhere from 44,000 to 98,000 people die in hospitals from mistakes. John Hockenberry reports on how some hospitals are adapting lessons from other high-risk industries, like aviation and nuclear power, in the hopes of keeping human errors from becoming hospital fatalities.

Dateline

Friday, July 25

Each year hundreds of thousands of hip replacements take place, for arthritis, bone fractures and other ailments. In most cases they work just fine, but imagine finding out the artificial hip implanted in your body was defective and that the company that made that hip implant knew it was defective before you ever went into the hospital. Correspondent Lea Thompson reports in a Dateline Consumer Investigation

Today

Tuesday, July 29

Douglas Casa from the National Athletic Trainers' Association talks about guidelines to help prevent and treat heat exhaustion, dehydration and heat stroke.

CANCER & OTHER HEALTH ISSUES JULY

Dr. Phil **7/4/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil looks at ways to help prevent illness and disease, and why some people just aren't doing them. Dr. Phil's message is that an ounce of prevention really is worth a pound of cure.

Show #: 1010 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **7/9/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil discusses the early detection, warning signs, and treatment for eating disorders. He gives the steps of recovery while talking with those who have suffered from various disorders.

Show #: 1062 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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8/1/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

MELANOMA

You may be spending a lot of time in the summer sun. The sun can be damaging. Would you know if it damaged you? Sara Burget reports on what one of the worst forms of skin cancer looks like.

2:10 – Package

Maureen Graham – Melanoma patient

Dr. Paul Stanislaw – Plastic surgeon

8/4/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

PIZZA

It's an easy meal to have and most of us love it. But some of us avoid pizza because we think it is bad for us. New research suggests a slice a week may help you beat colon cancer. Sara Burget reports.

1:44 – Package

Julie Carrasquel – Pizza eater

Dr. Clifford Bassett – Allergy & Immunology

8/4/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

FAMILY SERVICES GRANT

Family Services of Blair County is one of five organizations nationwide that has been awarded a 20 thousand dollar grant to develop a center to counsel people who have dealt with traumatic experiences.

:53 – SOT/VO

Edward Eckenrod – Altoona Hospital

8/5/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

ARTIFICIAL HEARTS

On any given day, more than 4 thousand people are waiting for a heart transplant. About half of them will die while on the waiting list. But some might make it with an artificial heart. Sara Burget reports.

2:07 – Package

Dr. Doug McCauley – Foster Miller Tech.

8/8/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

BACK FAT

Women worry about fat everywhere on their bodies, even their backs. But how do you get your back in sleek form. Sara Burget reports.

1:24 – Package

Melysaa St. Michael – Fitness expert

8/8/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

VETERAN'S HOSPITAL STATUS

A realignment of the Veteran's Affairs Nationwide Health Care facilities is bringing a change to Pennsylvania. There is a proposal to enhance some services and close others down. Where does that leave the Van Zandt Center in Altoona?

:46 – SOT/VO

Gerald Williams – Van Zandt Director

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CANCER & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES AUGUST

8/11/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

POST TRAUMATIC KIDS

Children exposed to violence can suffer from posttraumatic stress and depression. That can have a devastating effect on their ability to concentrate and learn in school. How can parents get them past the trauma? Sara Burget reports.

2:12 – Package

Dr. Bradley Stein – Rand Researcher

Martha Preciadp – Angela's Mother

8/12/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

NON PROFIT MED CENTER

Some people in Centre County are turning a bad situation good. When the Snowshoe Clinic run by Geisinger closed down because of the lack of willing doctors to work there, it was a profit-making operation. But now it will reopen as a non-profit center, and that makes a lot of difference.

:45 – SOT/VO

Mickie Shaw – Pres. Mountain Top Medical Center

8/13/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MALPRACTICE FRUSTRATION

One man's fight for medical malpractice reform has come to an end. Dr. Paul Burton says that Pennsylvania is charging doctors so much for insurance that they can't afford to live and take care of residents. So he's moving to California.

:55 – SOT/VO

Dr. Paul Burton – Leaving Pennsylvania

8/13/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

GASTRIC BYPASS / KIDS

We've all heard about people who have benefited from gastric bypass surgery. Now two hospitals plan to perform the procedure on children. It's a controversial option for obese children. Sara Burget reports.

1:52 – Package

Dr. Darnell Wilson – Endocrinologist

Dr. Craig Albanese – Pediatric Surgeon

Dr. Cathy Halaburka – Pediatrician

8/15/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

TELEDOC

As doctors leave the state and rural area try to deal with an already short number of doctors, a new device is being tested that may help doctors to be in two places at once. Sara Burget reports on a new type of robotics.

2:11 – Package

Dr. Louis Kavoussi – Urologist

8/18/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

STRESS RELIEF

When you're feeling sick from stress or other ailments, you take medicine to feel better. But it's not the only way to get rid of those aches and pains. Doctors are trying to move away from dependence on medications to some other procedures. Sara Burget reports.

1:49 – Package

Bill Davis – Memorial Wellness Clinic

Dr. Blair Justice – Psychologist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CANCER & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES AUGUST

8/18/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

SNOWSHOE CLINIC

For the first time in months, the doctor is in at a medical clinic in Centre County. It all happened because the community pulled together, raised the funding needed, and found a dedicated doctor originally from the area that wanted to come home. The future looks bright for the non-profit clinic that has replaced the shutdown Geisinger Center. Gary Sinderson reports on why the success.

:50 - Package

Dr. Angel Clemson - Clinic physician

8/20/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Ryan Leckey

CHEMOTHERAPY NAUSEA

Chemotherapy helps people fight against cancer. But the drugs have side effects like nausea. Now there's a new pill to help reduce the vomiting. Ryan Leckey reports.

2:00 - Package

Steve Hurton - Cancer patient

Dr. Jay Brooks - Oncologist

8/21/03, 5 PM, Thursday Ryan Leckey

BREATH OF FRESH AIR

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Predicting asthma attacks may be coming to fruition in the next few years. With that knowledge, steps could be taken to prevent the attack. Ryan Leckey reports.

2:08 - Package

Sheila Brillhart - Asthma patient

Philip Silkoff - Adult Pulmonary Director

8/21/03, 5 PM, Thursday Cherie Bank

SKIN SAVER

There are simple things you can do to keep your skin looking young without breaking the bank. Cherie Bank shows you how to save your skin.

2:26 - Package

Vicki Cirillo-Hyland - Dermatologist

8/22/03, 5 PM, Friday Ryan Leckey

SLOWING PARKINSONS

More than a half million people in the United States have Parkinson's Disease, and that number is expected to jump as baby boomers age. While there is no cure, there is a new drug that might do more than just calm the symptoms. It could give you a normal quality of life and slow the disease. Ryan Leckey reports.

2:15 - Package

Jane Deyo - Parkinson's patient

Charles Adler, Ph. D. - Professor of Neurology

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CANCER & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES AUGUST

8/22/03, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Sanjay Gupta

PITCHING DANGERS

Every year at this time, the world comes to Williamsport for the Little League World Series. The young pitchers in these games look more and more like their big league idols. Dr. Sanjay Gupta tells us that kids trying to pitch like pros is dangerous.

2:12 – Package

Joe Jennings – Pitcher

James Wachendorf – Pitcher

Dr. James Andrews – Am. Sports Medicine

8/25/03, 5 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

PROSTATE CANCER

Every year, about 180,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer. Now a new study shows that a product from the grocery store could be the ticket to beating the disease. How can a soy solution help? Ryan Leckey reports.

2:16 – Package

Ralph White, M.D. – UC Davis Cancer Center

Thomas Hughes – Prostate cancer patient

8/26/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

DEPRESSION IN KIDS

Children as young as 6 have been found to suffer from depression. That is prompting doctors to find a way to relieve their suffering. They are testing the drug Zoloft to see if it will lessen their symptoms.

:35 – VO

8/26/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

OVERWEIGHT CAMP

Hundreds of kids visit camp each summer with the goal of just having fun. But now there are camps springing up to deal with the problem of overweight kids. Sara Burget reports.

2:30 – Package

Tony Sparber – Camp Owner / Director

8/27/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jarod Latch

WINDBER EXPANSION

One area health care institution in our area is making great strides and they are now receiving worldwide attention. Windber Medical Research Center has evolved into an amazing place in the progress of improving our quality of care. Jarod Latch reports.

1:39 – Package

Nick Jacobs – Windber Medical Center

8/27/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

REGIONAL CANCER CENTER

Travel for treatment will be shorter for some cancer patients due to the opening of a new oncology center in Indiana. The new Indiana Regency Cancer Center includes high tech equipment that radiation experts say is considered the world's best.

:53 – OT/VO

Stephen Wolfe – President, IRMC

8/27/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

RED CROSS MUSEUM

A Red Cross museum on wheels visited the area today. Red Cross officials hope that by showing visitors the impact of people giving blood, more donors will be inspired to give. There is a critical shortage of blood across the country right now.

:43 – SOT/VO

Rebecca Parsons – Regional P.R. Specialist

8/27/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

PACE

Some state lawmakers are pushing to have another hundred thousand Pennsylvanians covered for their prescription drug needs.

:49 – SOT/VO

Rep. John Murtha – (D) 12th District

8/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME

A Centre County murder case is opening new debates about shaken baby syndrome. The defense in that case is contending that the medical standard for shaken baby syndrome has been challenged by recent medical findings. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:29 – Package

Bruce Manchester – Mendez Varga's attorney

8/28/03, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

DYSLEXIA – REWIRE THE BRAIN

There is new hope tonight for children suffering from dyslexia. Researchers now have a better understanding of what may cause the learning disability. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:56 – Package

Dr. Joan Teach – Psychologist

Dr. Martha Burdette – Specialist

8/28/03, 5:00 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

WRINKLE OPTION

Wrinkles come hand-in-hand with age. But now, there may be yet another option to help get rid of them. Sara Burget reports.

1:58 – Package

Lynn Wagner – Patient

Dr. Mike Wojtnowski – Plastic surgeon

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Today

Monday, August 11

Today reports on the results and implications of a new heart and health study.

Nightly News

Monday, August 11

NBC Nightly News relates the breakthrough in knee surgery. Science correspondent Robert Bazell reports on how your own cells can help repair damaged cartilage.

Today

Wednesday, August 13

On *Today's Fitness*, fitness expert Kathy Kaehler talks about a new approach to the medicine ball workout.

Nightly News

Wednesday, August 13

Kids and cancer, a new study looks at the long term prospects for survivors of childhood leukemia. It is encouraging information for young patients and their families.

Dateline

Friday, August 15

It's the hottest diet in the country. It claims to cut cravings and help you drop nearly a pound a day in the first two weeks. But can it really help turn your body into a head-turner? Keith Morrison reports on the South Beach Diet and talks with the doctor who created it.

CANCER & OTHER HEALTH ISSUES AUGUST

Dr. Phil **8/4/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Many Americans today are so obsessed with food that it consumes their lives. Dr. Phil explains that these obsessions are not really just about food, but have more to do with issues of control.

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9/01/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

TEETH GRINDING

Experts say a growing number of Americans are suffering through, or sleeping through a daily grind, teeth grinding that is. How do you get relief? Sara Burget reports.

2:48 – Package

Dr. Matthew Messina – American Dental Association

Dr. Ronald Goldstein – Cosmetic dentist

Mae Rainwater – Teeth grinder

9/01/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

CANCER GENE

We all know people that have a family history of cancer. Researchers say they now have evidence that shows 10 percent of the population carries a gene that significantly increases their risk of cancer. Sara Burget reports.

1:48 – Package

Kathy Lambert – Cancer patient

Dr. Kaklamani – Researcher

Taya Young – NW Cancer Genetics Program

9/2/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

PATIENT SIMULATOR

You're taken to a trauma unit in an emergency room after a serious car accident. But how does the medical team there know what is best for you, what hurts, what the injuries might be? A new device that simulates the patient's condition may be the answer. Sara Burget reports.

1:46 – Package

Dr. Russell Dumire – Trauma surgeon

9/3/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MENINGITIS VACCINES

The meningitis vaccine is one of the most important for kids, but a new survey shows that some kids covered by private insurance aren't getting it because of the expense.

:30 – VO

9/9/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

COIL FOILS ANEURYSM

About 17 million people have or will develop a brain aneurysm. If it ruptures, it can be deadly. Opinion has varied on how to treat aneurysms until now. Sara Burget reports on a new coil.

1:39 – Package

Bert Verdugo – Aneurysm patient

Reza Jahan - Neuroradiologist

9/10/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

RESTLESS LEG

Imagine that everytime you sit down to relax, your legs get so uncomfortable that you have to move them. Sara Burget reports.

1:44 – Package

Kimberly Gwynn – Patient

Dr. Michael Katzoff – Sleep Specialist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CANCER & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES SEPTEMBER

9/11/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

MEN / EATING DISORDERS

By some estimates, there are between seven and ten million girls and women in America who suffer from an eating disorder. How common are these disorders among men? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:07 – Package

Dr. Rick Kilmer – Psychologist

Michael Bartone – Recovering from anorexia

9/11/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

INSULIN INHALER

For diabetics, dealing with the disease everyday can be a nuisance, and the shots can cause tracks, lumps under the skin, and pain. Now doctors are trying a new technique that is in trial stages. Sara Burget reports on how doctors would like to eliminate the problems of taking daily shots with the use of inhalers.

1:32 – Package

Dr. Rajeev Jain – Endocrinologist

Jean Skidmore – Diabetic

9/12/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

PROSTATE TREATMENT

One out of six men will get prostate cancer during their lifetime. Unfortunately, there are few treatment options for men with androgen independent prostate cancer. But a new option is now showing progress. Sara Burget reports.

1:44 – Package

Steve Streger – Prostate cancer patient

Dr. Tomazz Beer - Oncologist

9/15/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

PEDIATRIC CHECKUPS

Medical checkups for children are important even after all their vaccinations are complete. That's because doctors are monitoring physical and social development. Sara Burget reports.

1:43 – Package

Dr. Marcia Rannefeld - Pediatrician

9/16/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Dave Zafris

WEST NILE

The State Health Secretary says that more and more human cases of the West Nile Virus are showing up across the state. Dave Zafris reports on two cases in Clearfield County and the local fight against the virus.

1:29 – Package

Gene Lunsford – Clearfield Commissioner

9/17/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

PHARMING

When we hear about drug abuse, we usually think of illegal substances like heroin. But prescription drug abuse actually accounts for one third of all substance abuse in the U.S. Sara Burget reports.

1:42 – Package

Pat Connors – Substance Abuse Expert

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9/18/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

HOSPITAL FUNDING / BUDGET CUTS

State budget cuts mean hospitals may have to cut back services. The \$250 million dollar proposed cut would mean a drop in jobs and services to patients. Today, hospital administrators commented on what that would mean for area healthcare.

:56 – SOT/VO

Kentt Hess – Clearfield administrator

9/19/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

MAGNETIC INSOLES

Each year Americans use a magnetic insole which is supposed to help with foot pain. But are magnets really the magic cure? Sara Burget reports.

1:52 – Package

Sharon Ryg – Had heel pain

Dr. Mark Winemiller – Researcher

9/19/03, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

LOU GHERIG'S DISEASE BREAKTHROUGH

A medical discovery could be the next important step in finding a cure for Lou Gherig's Disease. Researchers have uncovered clues about how the disease destroys nerve cells which cause paralysis.

:53 – SOT/VO

Kirshnan Puttparth – Researcher

9/22/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

ARTIFICIAL DISC

If you have neck pain, it could be due to cervical disk damage. Is there anything you can do about it? Sara Burget reports.

1:53 – Package

Hillary Cole – Patient

Dr. Alan Levi – Neurological surgeon

9/23/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Julie Valiese

FLU SHOTS

Now that Fall is here officially, many of you are already sniffing and sneezing. But before the flu bug bites, you may want to consider prevention. What is the outlook for the flu this year, and what is the availability of a vaccine? Julie Valiese reports.

1:34 – Package

Nancy Cox, PhD – Recommending a flu shot

Julie Gerberding, MD – 2003 Flu Outlook

9/24/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

ALZHEIMER'S

Treating a projected 16 million Alzheimer's patients by the year 2050 could financially break the nation's health care system. So the pressure is on researchers to find a remedy fast. Sara Burget reports.

1:45 – Package

Dr. Dan Christensen – Neuropsychiatrist

Dr. Donna Shattuck – Myrian Genetics

Dr. Kenton Zavitz – Myrian Genetics

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9/25/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

OVARIAN BLOOD TEST

The internet has become a helpful tool for people to get more information about their health. But a recent e-mail being sent around that advises women to get a test to detect ovarian cancer has some doctors concerned. Sara Burget reports.

1:39 – Package

Dr. Allan Mayer – Gynecologist

9/25/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

PRESRIPTION CONCERNS

Lawmakers are worried that doctors are being pressured by the drug industry to prescribe certain medications. An estimated 64 million Americans each year are requesting medication from their doctors that they see advertised. General practitioners say they feel especially pressured.

:48 – SOT/VO

Janet Woodcock – FDA Concerns

9/29/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

PEDIATRIC CANCER

The cure rate for childhood cancer is very high, about 80 percent. However, the bad news is that almost half of childhood cancer survivors have significant health problems as adults. However, they do have the power of positive thinking going for them. Sara Burget reports.

1:38 – Package

Kelly Wood – Childhood cancer survivor

Mike Orlie – Childhood cancer survivor

Kevin Olffinger, MD – University of Texas, Researcher/Clinician

9/30/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

DAILY ASPIRIN

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in this country. But what if hundreds of thousands of deaths could be saved by taking one simple pill? And the pill, aspirin, is probably in your medicine cabinet. Sara Burget reports.

1:20 – Package

Elda Jones – Patient

Dr. Gervacig Lamas – Cardiologist

9/30/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PAYING FOR THE UNINSURED

Forty three million Americans went without health insurance during the year 2002. What does that mean for hospitals and social agencies in Pennsylvania? A lot of them are forking up cash to cover costs, but they aren't the only ones. Taxpayers are also footing the bill.

:59 – SOT/VO

Cindy McLaughlin – Human Services

Dr. S. Lee Miller – Memorial Medical Center

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Nightly News

Wednesday, September 3

Tonight on Nightly News, Robert Bazell reports on a hormone that may be used to control hunger. In a study coming out today in the New England Journal of Medicine, the experimental hormone, ppy, was found to reduce a patient's appetite and have the potential to lead to weight loss. Bazell will discuss how the hormone works and what it could mean for dieters in the future.

Dateline

Friday, September 11

In a two-hour "Katie Couric Special," Couric sits down with Dr. Phil for an exclusive interview and town hall meeting about the issues surrounding weight, obesity and address why the United States leads the world in this alarming epidemic. Couric will talk to McGraw about the personal reasons that led to his involvement in this particular issue. During the town hall meeting McGraw will use his familiar "no-nonsense" approach to talk about why dieting doesn't work, the roles that family and the media play in how and what we eat and the differences in men and women when it comes to weight.

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Dr. Phil **9/15/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dieting is a 40 billion dollar industry, but 99 percent of all diets fail. Dr. Phil advises people who are tired of the dieting roller coaster that they need to make serious life changes. It is the ultimate weight loss challenge.

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Dr. Phil **9/22/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil explains that the road to a new lifestyle begins with better food choices, full medical checkups, and strenuous fitness evaluations in the ultimate weight loss challenge.

Show #: 2019 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

Dr. Phil **9/29/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil explores the emotional reasons why people eat and become overweight. Healing feelings could be the key to unlocking success in weight control.

Show #: 2202 Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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7/1/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

CREDIT CARD OFFERS

Low interest rates can offer a lot of advantages to consumers. People get lots of credit card offers in the mail everyday citing extremely low rates. How can you be sure that you're getting what you think they are offering? Regina Miller reports on verifying offers.

1:25 - Package

7/1/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Michael Williams

EPHEDRA

Four weight-loss products that use the controversial drug ephedra are in big trouble with federal regulators. Michael Williams reports from Washington.

1:00 - Package

Howard Beals - Federal Trade Commission

7/2/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

CLEANING STAINLESS STEEL

When people redo their kitchens, more and more are choosing stainless steel appliances. They're high style but high maintenance also. Can you get the stainless steel look without the cleaning hassle? Becky Thompson reports.

1:17 - Package

Edwin Gaines - Owns stainless steel appliance

Tobie Stanger - Consumer Reports

7/8/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Trina Robinson

PRICEY STYLE

Want a luxury look for your home but can't afford the price tag? Trina Robinson reports that home design manufacturers are getting good at giving you high end looks without sky-high prices.

3:30 - Package

Ann Morris - Designer

Robert Fabian Expo Design Center

7/9/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

LAP TOPS

When you do your next computer upgrade, are you going smaller? Many of you are foregoing the traditional desktop PC for a smaller and lighter laptop. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson compares the models to find the best buy.

1:22 - Package

Dean Gallea - Consumer Reports

7/11/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

STAIN RESISTANT

Everyone has some messy moments, but sometimes, those messes turn into outfit-ruining stains. There are some new fabrics on the market that promise stain resistance. Do they work? Becky Thompson reports.

1:25 - Package

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/14/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

DEBT SERVICE FRAUDS

To deal with the stress and reduce credit card debt, many people turn to non-profit credit counseling services for help. While most are safe and legitimate, there are crooks out there disguised as good guys who are trying to take what little money you have left. Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:30 - Package

Caryn Mitchell - Credit Card Scam

Eric Friedman - Consumer Protection

Dr. David Jones - Credit Counseling Industry

7/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

NATURAL GAS HIKE

People in DuBois are speaking out against a proposed natural gas rate hike. The PUC is holding hearings on a rate hike request by National Fuel & Gas Company. Customers are telling them that the price is already too high.

:44 - SOT/VO

Donald Frye - Rates are high for seniors.

7/15/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Jarod Latch

PRICES GOING UP

Gas prices have soared in the last week, as they seem to do every summer. Why is it this way? Jarod Latch reports.

:43 - Package

Dr. Mahabubul Islam - St. Francis

7/15/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

VIDEO CELL PHONES

More people are getting picture and video cell phones; they seem like a cool idea. But can this new technology end up creating an invasion of privacy? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:12 - Package

Chris Hoofragley - EPIC

Toni Belskey - Johnstown

Vicki Clark - Marketing, YMCA

Travis Larson - Cellular Association

7/16/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Suppose you buy a car or truck, and it is full of all the latest safety equipment. You probably think all that security and safety will pay off when it comes time to pay your insurance bill. Unfortunately, that's not the case. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:55 - Package

Mark Copeland - SUV owner

Bob Hunter - Consumer Federation of America

Madelyn Flannagan - Insurance Researcher

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7/17/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

TERRORISM ALERT PRODUCTS

We've heard a lot about products that promise to protect you in the event of terrorism, but don't really do anything. What if there actually were items that could alert you to radiation exposure? We tested some products, and Sophia Wharton has the results.

3:00 – Package

Arthur Robinson – Civil Defense expert

Dr. Andy Karam – University of Rochester

Shane Connor – Nukalert

Kal Kaletsch – Gammamaster watch

Kristen Rich – Rochester Institute

7/21/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

INTERNET FRAUD/NEW SCAM

The government is calling it one of the most dangerous frauds in the internet. Scam artists are forging information from legitimate websites. Then they contact consumers, requesting new credit card info.

:47 – SOT/VO

Les Seagraves – Earthlink

7/21/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Alison Burns

BENEFITS SCAM

There's a new push in Congress to crack down on businesses that buy U.S. Military veterans' benefits, often for just pennies on the dollar. Alison Burns reports.

2:37 – Package

Mike Elliot – Veteran

Sen. Bill Nelson – (D) Florida

Chris Gallant – Cash Flow Broker

7/22/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

STALLING FOR PAYMENTS

You get into your car, and you can't get it to start. For hundreds of thousands of Americans, it could mean more than engine trouble. It could mean their car payment is overdue. Sophia Wharton reports on a new method that manufacturers hope will guarantee collection.

2:30 – Package

Macy Pearson – Car owner

Jack Gillis – Consumer Federation

Mike Simon – CEO, Payment Protection

7/22/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

MOPS

Moping the floor can be a back-breaking job. But there's a new power cleaner that may help cut the grime. Is it expensive; is it worth it? Becky Thompson reports.

1:25 – Package

Pat Slaven – Consumer Reports

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7/22/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

ICE CREAM UNHEALTHY

The Center for Science in the Public Interest has released a new study claiming ice cream is one of the leading factors to the nation's obesity. Helen Chickering reports on super-sized scoops and then we have local reaction to the story.

1:40 - Package

Jane Hurley - Senior Nutritionist

Susan Roland - International Dairy Foods Association

Deborah Bandzerewicz - Ice cream lover

Ken Karashowsky - Hooversville

Jean Yoder - Davidsville

7/25/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

EPSON PRINTER

There's a new phoyo printer that is getting a lot of attention. The Epson 2200 can print super-sized glossy prints, but it has a super-sized price, \$700. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson tests the printer to see how it compares to other less-expensive inkjet printers.

1:25 - Package

Yossi Fogel - Store Manager

7/30/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

NEW BIKES / SHIFTERS

Bike shop owners say many people don't shift the gears correctly on a bicycle. Now there are bikes designed to solve that problem; they shift automatically. But Consumer Reports says two bikes that it tested are not the way to go. Becky Thompson reports.

1:14 - Package

Tom Mutchlor - Consumer Reports

7/31/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

HOME OWNER'S INSURANCE

Your homeowner's insurance offers peace of mind in case of fire, robbery, or flood. But could you be the next to join the flood of people to lose their insurance, dropped by their insurers? Sophia Wharton reports.

3:08 - Package

Robert Rusbult - Insurance Broker

Kirk Hanson - Alliance AM Insurers

Douglas Heller - Consumer Rights Group

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Nightly News

Wednesday, July 2

Nightly News examines holiday travel. What can you do when you pack your bags to avoid long lines at the airport. Robert Hager reports on delay-free travel.

Today

Thursday, July 3

Consumer Correspondent Janice Lieberman sheds some light on faux tanning products and tries to answer the question, "Do they really work?"

Today

Monday, July 14

Boating is a great way to bring family and friends together. Steve Tadd from Discover-Boating.com stops by with advise on how to figure out what type of boat is right for your family.

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8/1/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

GAS GRILLS

Sales of gas grills skyrocket in the summer months as more people go outside to cook. It used to be that buying one was fairly simple. Now grills have more features, complicating the decision. Becky Thompson looks at what is important, feature-wise.

1:03 - Package

8/6/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

BLENDERS

People buy more than 8 million blenders a year. Consumer reporter Becky Thompson examined two dozen blenders and found that you don't have to shell out big bucks to make a delicious smoothie.

1:23 - Package

8/7/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

SKIN CARE PRODUCTS

Skin care is big business when it comes to over-the-counter products. That's why you hear a lot of fancy scientific terms attached to them. But does the average consumer know what those terms mean? Sara Burget sorts through them.

1:40 - Package

Dr. Tasbaum Mir - Dermatologist

8/7/03, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CREDIT SCORE

If you have a high enough credit score, you can save thousands over a lifetime of a mortgage or loan. Where does your credit score come from and how do you raise it?

:52 - SOT/VO

8/8/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

NATURAL GAS PRICES

A nationwide hearing was held today in State College to address the development of a Federal natural gas policy. Natural gas prices are skyrocketing and likely to have a huge impact on the economy and heating bills. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:30 - Package

Hugh Mose - CATA General Manager

Frances Leonard - Worries about gas prices

Ken Woodring - Church treasurer

Rep. John Peterson - (R) 5th District

8/8/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

WHEELBARROW ALTERNATIVES

Americans spend 40 billion dollars a year on their lawns, an average of 500 dollars per household. With all that yard work, there is a good chance there is hauling to be done. But is there something more convenient than the tipsy old wheelbarrow to use? Becky Thompson reports.

1:28 - Package

Ed Tenthoff - Gardner

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8/13/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

TREADMILLS

With the recent rash of rain and humid conditions, you may be turning to the treadmill to get your exercise in. But which one will give you the most miles for your money? Becky Thompson reports.

1:10 – Package

Dr. Frank Iuliano – Uses treadmill

Harv Ebel – Consumer Reports

8/15/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

AIR CONDITIONERS

Hot sticky weather can make you very uncomfortable. So if you want a quick way to cool down, get an air conditioner. Which one is best for you? Becky Thompson reports.

1:21 – Package

8/18/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

POWER CRISIS EFFECTS

The company being investigated for possible causing the biggest blackout in history may be based in Ohio, but they also own Penelec – our power company. That means there could be financial consequences for consumers in our area. Regina Miller reports.

1:42 – Package

Sen. Rick Santorum – (R) Pennsylvania

8/20/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

SCANNERS

Scanners make easy work of preserving your family history and photos. Which scanner gives you the best images without costing you a lot of money? Becky Thompson reports on the best buy.

1:24 – Package

Marcy Hiller – Scanner owner

Kerry Allen – Consumer Reports

8/20/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

COMPUTER WORM SPREADING

If you have a computer, you might want to be on the lookout for another computer worm on the loose. It can be spread via e-mail or network shares. There are ways to protect your computer.

:47 – SOT/VO

Chris Carver – Pennswood.net

8/21/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Asa Arrons

POWER SURGES

The cost of last week's blackout is expected to reach into the billions. That number includes a lot of personal property like home electronics and computers. Asa Arrons reports on how to protect your investment before your equipment gets damaged.

1:44 – Package

Lance Ulanoff – PC Magazine

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8/22/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

INTERNET COUPONS

At least four grocery store chains have announced they have stopped taking the computer coupons from the internet because too many of them are counterfeit. It is extremely hard to identify the authentic ones from the fake. Becky Thompson reports.

1:17 – Package

Bud Miller - Coupon Information Center

John Mullin – Store manager

8/22/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Sharon Epperson

RATE LOCK-INS

Mortgage rates shot up to their highest levels since October during the past week. Some borrowers think they have locked in an interest rate from when those rates were lower. However, with a backlog of refinancing, some borrowers may have a hard time getting loans at those lower rates. Sharon Epperson reports on being locked out of lock-ins.

2:17 – Package

James Fresella – Apollo Financial Service

Eric Tyson – Author

Melissa Levine – Financial Planner

8/26/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Denise Whitaker

BATTERY TEST

How often do you find yourself searching for replacement batteries? It can cost you a fortune to keep some things running. Denise Whitaker put several popular batteries to the test to see which ones give you the most power for the money.

1:43 – Package

8/27/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

PET HEALTH INSURANCE

When your pet needs medical attention, how do you come up with the payment? As Becky Thompson reports, More people are opting to sign up for pet health insurance.

1:13 – Package

8/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

ON-LINE SHOPPING DANGERS

Online shopping is convenient, but you can fall victim to scams. When buying from auction sites, how do you determine if a product is authentic or fake? And with no return address, what do you do if the article is defective? Natasha McBroom reports.

:50 – Package

Barry Creany – Attorney General's Office

8/29/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

HEAT WRAPS

They promise to relieve pain. Becky Thompson finds out if those air activated heat wraps actually work.

1:14 – Package

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Nightly News

Monday, August 18

Because of the blackout of 2003, utility companies everywhere will have to spend billions to avoid another massive power outage. Will consumers end up footing the bill?

Nightly News

Monday, August 18

NBC Nightly News looks at the high demand and low supply principle that have caused gas prices to skyrocket to a summertime high. Is there an end in sight or should you expect to continue paying more at the pump?

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9/01/03, 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

PAYING MORE FOR MILK

Expect to pay more for that glass of milk this month. A sizeable increase is welcome news to dairy farmers. A gallon will soon cost at least 30 cents more.

:55 – SOT/VO

Dennis Wolf – PA Secretary of Agriculture

9/3/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

KITCHEN RADIOS

Some home gourmets like to have a little music to cook by, but not all radios fit on the limited counter space. Consumer Reports tested a few models that have a big sound without taking up too much space. Becky Thompson reports.

1:11 – Package

Hank Korman – Uses radio in kitchen

9/5/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Melissa Francis

GAS PRICES

Did the blackout and the summer driving season really cause the recent hike in gas prices? Or is something else at work here? Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham says he is launching an investigation into possible price gouging at the pumps. Melissa Francis reports.

1:40 – Package

Anna Aurilio – U.S. Pirg

Eric Bolling – Independent Trader

David Wheeler – JP Morgan

9/10/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

PETRO PRICES RISE

With the winter heating season approaching, experts say the price of natural gas could go up 30 percent or more. They say it is simply the result of supply versus demand.

:40 – VO

9/10/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jarod Latch

CHARTER INCREASES

Soon it will cost you more to flip the channels on your tv. Cable rates for Charter subscribers are going up. Why are prices on the rise? Jarod Latch reports.

1:40 – Package

Wayne Hippo – Altoona City Council

Karen Broach – Charter Communications

Doug Simmons – Simmons Enterprises

9/10/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

LIQUID MEALS

SlimFast is the top selling meal replacement drink. But several other companies including Snapple hope to take a bite of the business. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson checks to see if these drinks are a good option for people who eat on the run.

1:22 – Package

Linda Greene – Consumer Reports

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9/12/03, 5 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

BACKPACKS

When it comes to backpacks for your kids, you want one that is comfortable and won't fall apart. Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to test the biggest names in backpacks.

1:30 - Package

Rich Handel - Consumer reports

9/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

HIRING A CONTRACTOR

Buying a new home is a dream come true for many families. For others, it's a nightmare. When a contractor doesn't deliver on repairs or remodeling, consumers can end up in a quandary. The Attorney General's Office of Consumer Affairs has some advice of picking a contractor.

:52 - SOT/VO

Margie Anderson - Bureau of Consumer Protection

9/17/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

WI-FI

The hottest thing in computers these days is wireless internet access. It's called Wi-Fi. Five million people are expected to be using it in the next year. Becky Thompson looks at the value of the service.

1:12 - Package

Dave Gallea - Consumer Reports

9/19/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

FRUIT SAVER

The fruit saver is an insulated electric fruit bowl that promises to keep your fruit fresh for longer. Becky Thompson checks out this 80 dollar kitchen appliance to see if it really is a fruit saver.

1:06 - Package

9/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

SCAM CONTRACTORS

Scam artists may be in town to cash in on any storm damage from the hurricane. There are many things you can do to protect yourself from these fake contractors who are after your money.

1:00 - Package

Margie Anderson - Consumer Protection

9/19/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jarod Latch

RATE INCREASE / NATURAL GAS

Natural gas prices are once again on the rise to the tune of about 40%. That means that to heat their homes will mean a change of lifestyle for many this year. Jarod Latch reports.

Etta Albright - Consumer

:52 - Package

9/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

NATURAL GAS PRICE INCREASE

After the Public Utility Commission approved increasing gas prices by 40 percent, one Blair County agency says they're outraged. They are concerned for consumers and the many area families headed for financial ruin. Katie Collett reports.

1:06 - Package

Paul Rennie - Community Action Agency

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9/24/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

PRESCRIPTION COSTS

Four billion prescriptions are filled every year. Nearly half come from a big chain, like CVS, Eckerd, and Rite Aid. But Consumer Reports relates that there are several good reasons to get your prescriptions filled elsewhere. Becky Thompson reports.

1:36 – Package

9/26/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

WINE TEST

Pinot Grigio is the latest rage in white wine. Sales have gone up by 50 percent. Consumer Reports just tested this popular white wine and Becky Thompson has the results.

:54 – Package

Paul Reynolds – Wine expert

9/26/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

DO NOT CALL LIST

With the twists and turns happening to the national "Do Not Call List" you may be wondering if the Pennsylvania list is in danger. But word from the Attorney General's office is that is not likely.

:45 – SOT/VO

Barry Creany – Deputy Attorney General

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Dateline

Sunday, September 7

In a Dateline consumer alert, chief consumer correspondent Lea Thompson has the results from the latest 5-mph bumper tests done at the Insurance Institute For Highway Safety.

The automobiles being tested in this round of crash tests are:

2003 MAZDA6 2004 NISSAN QUEST
2004 TOYOTA SIENNA 2003 SAAB 9-3
2003 INFINITI G35 2003 MERCEDES E-CLASS

Nightly News

Monday, September 15

In the still-hot segment of the economy, the economy of low-interest rate home mortgages and cheap refinancing, it's the NUMBER ONE complaint of consumers..Contractors who miss deadlines, bust budgets, perform faulty work, disappear. Jim Avila contrasts a homeowner who was not careful about hiring a contractor, with a homeowner who did things right.....and ended up writing a book about it....a how-to guide designed to show people what they need to do to avoid the pitfalls of remodeling.

Nightly News

Tuesday, September 16

As Isabel prepares to batter the East Coast, is it too late to buy disaster insurance? What will it cover?

Nightly News

Tuesday, September 16

NBC Nightly News looks at bottled water. Last year, Americans bought six billion gallons worth, but is it any different than water that comes from the tap?

Nightly News

Wednesday, September 17

More and more fast-food restaurants are trying to promote their foods as healthier. But can you really make fast food healthy? Roger O'Neil takes a wry look at the way America eats on the run, and how the McDonald's of the world are trying to keep consumers flowing through their restaurants, while consumers are becoming more and more health-conscious every day.

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Nightly News

Thursday, September 18

It's not a simple morning pick-me-up anymore. It's big business. But last year, for the first time, coffee profits were down. New-fangled coffee houses and tried-and-true coffee joints are locked in a war for consumers. Anne Thompson looks at coffee.... from the drive-thru Starbucks to the highway truck stops....how and why consumers are paying through the nose for what used to cost a nickel a cup.

Nightly News

Friday, September 19

Should the cost of your car insurance have ANYTHING to do with your credit rating? The Consumer Federation of America thinks NOT. But there's evidence that insurance companies are jacking up the rates, even refusing coverage, for people whose credit ratings are not the best....EVEN people with weak credit who have STELLAR driving records are being caught in this squeeze.

Nightly News

Tuesday, September 23

NBC Nightly News looks at the "Do Not Call" list. Most signed up to put an end to calls from telemarketers, but their phones are ringing now more than ever. What are the loopholes and how can you protect yourself?

Today

Thursday, September 25

Pick-up trucks are growing in popularity among families. More than three million were sold in the U.S. last year and that number is increasing. Csaba Csere, Editor of Car and Driver Magazine, stops by to discuss whether they are becoming the new family car.

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7/1/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HUMAN SERVICE CUTS

Governor Ed Rendell is making cuts in an attempt to balance Pennsylvania's budget. Not everyone is in favor of the cuts. Those in the area of Human Services are speaking out about the cuts for drug and alcohol treatment.

:38 - SOT/VO

Bonni Dunlep - Human Services Dept.

7/1/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

HOTEL TAX

The Bedford County Visitor's Bureau now has a new source of income that could be very important in attracting tourists. A 2 percent hotel tax took effect today. The tax was first talked about in 1999, but then there was opposition to it. Now, there was more pressure to pass it because neighboring counties enacted a similar tax.

:52 - SOT/VO

Dennis Tice - Visitor's Bureau

7/15/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

TAX INCREASE / CAMBRIA

A tax increase is coming for property owners in Cambria County. The President Commissioner says several factors, including a loss of population, poor bond rating, and a high county debt, are the reason why.

:57 - SOT/VO

Dr. Fred Soisson - Commissioner

7/21/03, 5 / 11 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

CLEARFIELD HOTEL TAX

Clearfield County officials say that less than half of the hotel owners in the county have registered for the new hotel tax. The tax is scheduled to be collected beginning in August. How the money will be used to promote tourism still seems to be a sticking point. Dave Zafris reports.

:57 - Package

Michael Lytle - Clearfield Commissioner

7/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

SOMERSET LIBRARY

While state lawmakers continue to discuss how much spending can be put back into the state budget, those who rely on that money watch nervously. That includes those on staff at the Somerset County Library where a loss of funds could mean some big changes.

:57 - SOT/VO

Eve Kline - Library administrator

7/2/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Dave Zafris

FUNDING FOR SECURITY

Sen. Arlen Specter was at the Corsica Fire Department today pushing for more emergency management funding. In trying to beef up homeland security, the funding is needed for training and equipment. He also thinks Tom Ridge needs more authority. Dave Zafris reports.

:46 - Package

Tracy Zents - Corsica Fire Chief

Ken Dworek - Brookville Police Chief

Sen. Arlen Specter - (R) Pennsylvania

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7/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

STATE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

Lawmakers in Harrisburg are thinking about restoring some of the budget cuts to schools and libraries. They believe the budget is fiscally responsible and say Pennsylvanians don't want tax increases.

:51 – SOT/VO

Sen. Joseph Scarnati – (R) District 25

7/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

HELMET LAW PASSED

Governor Ed Rendell has come through on a campaign promise. The governor has signed a bill to repeal Pennsylvania's Helmet Law for most motorcyclists and passengers. Mark Allen reports on the final details of the law.

1:20 – Package

7/10/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

PENN STATE CUTBACKS

Cutbacks in State funding mean more layoffs at the Penn State College of Agriculture. The result is the Cooperative Extension Program is really suffering, and that means that farmers in our area may not get the expertise they need.

:43 – SOT/VO

Dan Harner – Harner Farms

7/11/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

WOZNIAK / HELMET LAW REPEAL

Senator John Wozniak is defending his support of a bill to repeal the state's helmet law. Opponents say the bill will increase the number of fatalities for motorcyclists and cause insurance rates to increase. He denies both claims.

:43 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – (D) 35th District

7/14/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SEWAGE PROJECT

Jenner Area Joint Sewer Authority held a public meeting to review proposed plans for the extension of sewer services. But many people are unhappy that their rates will be going up, and tap in fees for new customers will be higher.

:50 – SOT/VO

Steve Sesack – EADS

7/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

BAR SERVERS EDUCATION

State College Borough is considering several new proposals on regulating bars, taverns, and their patrons. Plus, bars may be the latest places where stepped-up fire protection will be required. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:20 – Package

Hal McCullough – Tavern owner

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7/16/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

ETHICS CODE

At tonight's meeting, City Council discussed the possibility of ethics regulations. They looked at samples of codes from other municipalities in Pennsylvania. The discussion was generated from an incident involving Mayor Zucco and a conflict of interest with his job at Crown Construction and his position as mayor.

:59 - SOT/VO

Jack Williams - Favor of ethics code

7/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

LEGALIZING SLOTS

A bill to legalize slot machines is expected to be voted on today in the State House. It is a compromise to a more moderate proposal that passed in the State Senate 3 weeks ago. Supporters say the bill would raise money for property tax relief.

1:10 - Package

Rep. Gary Haluska - (D) Cambria County

7/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

TEN COMMANDMENTS DEBATE

The plaque of the Ten Commandments hung in Altoona's City Hall for 75 years but now it is causing a controversy. Does it violate the separation of church and state? There's a mixed opinion but most people feel very strongly about their view. Natasha McBroom reports.

:39 - SOT/VO

Brent Fisher - Altoona City Council

7/21/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

HOLLIDAYSBURG/LIGHTS OUT

In an effort to save money, the Hollidaysburg State Police Barracks are keeping off lights that are unnecessary and carefully scheduling troopers and staff in staggered shifts. It is an effort to be fiscally responsible in the face of the strained State budget.

:49 - SOT/VO

Dave McGarvey - Public Information Officer

7/21/03, 11 PM, Monday Jarod Latch

TEN COMMANDMENTS DEBATE

Tonight, there is more controversy over the Ten Commandments plaque as citizens came forward to voice their opinion over what should be done with the plaque. Jarod Latch reports.

1:13 - Package

Pastor Gary Dull - Faith Baptist Church

Ron Stauffer - Citizen

7/22/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BLAIR COUNTY / NEW LOAN

In light on new state funding cuts, where can Blair County get the money it needs to pay off its debys?. The county has decided to take a loan to pay off the Blair County Ball Park and complete the prison expansion.

:48 - SOT/VO

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

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7/22/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

SPAM

If you're like most people, you probably have a friend who sends you chain emails that drive you crazy. The federal government says those types of emails, called spam, are becoming overwhelming. Alison Burns reports on how they are trying to stop the spam.

1:00 - Package

Traci Shiflett - Spam victim

Brian Huseman - Federal Trade Commission

7/22/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NEW PLANNING CODE

A project that has been in the makings for years might get approval tonight. A new planning code for Altoona is suppose to make the city more appealing for developers and give a more user-friendly feel to the city's previously outdated regulations.

:36 - SOT/VO

Larry Carter - City Planning Commission

7/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Time is running out for Philipsburg's Main Street Program. They can qualify for an exit grant from the State program they are already involved in if they are able to raise sufficient funding. Business leaders say the money is needed because there is still much to do.

:50 - SOT/VO

Matt Price - Main Street Manager

7/25/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Philipsburg is still trying to keep its Main Street Program alive. The five-year grant is running out, and the town needs to raise several thousand dollars to receive any more money from the State. How has the program fared in other regions? Mark Allen reports.

2:05 - Package

Nicole Wood - Community Dev. Director

Stephanie Williams - Main Street / Somerset

7/25/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

SLOTS?

The fate of slots in Pennsylvania is unknown and may stay that way for awhile. The State Senate has buried a bill that would have allowed slot machines because of amendments made by the State House. Senators felt that the amended bill lost sight of the original goal to save the State's horse racing industry.

:45 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelier - (R) 30th District

Rep. Larry Sather - 81st District

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7/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

LIQUOR LICENSE

The Borough Council in Somerset will try once again tonight to decide if a liquor license should transfer from Jenner Township. The Council will examine guidelines set by the State to make their decision and not necessarily custom, according to the borough manager.

:49 – SOT/VO

Benedict G. Vinzani – Borough Manager

7/28/03, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

PRES. BUSH / URBAN LEAGUE

President Bush visited Pittsburgh today to reach out to the Urban League, a group that did not support him in the last election. He spoke of closing the racial achievement gaps that still exist for school children. He also stated he would like to help minorities buy small businesses.

:58 – SOT/VO

George Bush – U.S. President

7/28/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

BOROUGH COUNCIL VOTE

The Somerset Borough Council reached a decision tonight on the transfer of a liquor license from Jenner Township. They voted 5-1 in favor of the transfer, and they based their decision on Pennsylvania law. The dissenter felt that community values and standards were ignored.

:56 – SOT/VO

Peggy L Shaffer – Council member

Ron Schrock – Council president

7/28/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

SLOT MACHINES / FUTURE?

The bill to allow slot machine gambling in Pennsylvania has been buried by the Senate, and that has left people wondering if other issues will be taking over the Congress's attention once the reconvene for the next session.

:47 – SOT/VO

Rep. Rick Geist – (R) 79th District

7/29/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

The Blair County Commissioners renewed a contract today for assisting the homeless that helps people in an emergency crisis. The program keeps people off the streets and in their homes.

:46 – SOT/VO

Donna Gority – Blair County Commissioner

7/29/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

LERTA DESIGNATION

The Blair County Commissioners have voted to forget about collecting property taxes for one year from new businesses that move into one specific area. It is their goal to encourage new business starts in Blair County. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:18 – Package

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

7/31/03, 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

MALPRACTICE CRISIS

Congressman Pat Toomey is putting the pressure on Sen. Arlen Specter to support medical malpractice reform. Doctor Michael Moses joined the Congressman in his appeal for solving the problem.

:43 – SOT/VO

Rep. Pat Toomey – (R) Lehigh

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8/1/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

HUMAN SERVICE CUTS

The State legislature's failure to approve a new budget is having an impact on human services funding. In some places, it means those in need are being cut from assistance programs. It also means jobs are being cut. Gary Sinderson reports.

:51 – Package

Bob Ott – Adult Services Director

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

8/1/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jarod Latch

WEED ORDINANCE

Some area property owners have prompted the city of Johnstown to look at changes to a 70-year old ordinance. The height of weeds permitted on city properties would be cut from 12 inches to 8 inches with 5 days to comply once a warning has been given. Jarod Latch reports on why the changes are being sought.

1:34 – Package

Mike Grandinetti – Health inspector

Jeff Silka – City manager

8/5/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SEWAGE DISPUTE

A mediator may be called in for a dispute in Clearfield County. DuBois treats Sandy Township's sewage, but the township claims the city is overcharging. The township is suing DuBois to lower the rates.

:49 – SOT/VO

John Sughrue – Clearfield Commissioner

8/5/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

DISABLED GRANT

Clearfield County is asking the State for 350,000 dollars to help the physically disabled. The money would help low-income physically disabled residents make their homes more accessible.

:35 – SOT/VO

John Sughrue – Clearfield Commissioner

8/6/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

BUDGET IMPACT ON PRISONS

The delay in getting a new state budget is impacting a program aimed at alternatives to jail time for convicts in Centre County. Centre County is already plagued with prison overcrowding and now the problem is growing worse.

:50 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

8/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

DRUG REHAB PROBLEMS

The effects of the recent State budget cuts in drug and alcohol treatment are taking form. That has some treatment centers facing a difficult situation of turning people away. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:08 – Package

John Wolfe – Pyramid Healthcare

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8/12/03, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

COURT VICTORY / LAUREL CREST DEBATE

There was a victory in court today for the Cambria County commissioners who backed out of selling Laurel Crest Manor to the Conemaugh Health System.

:40 – VO

8/18/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Dave Zafris

COMMUNITY ACTION CLOSES / DuBOIS

State budget cuts have forced the closing of the DuBois Community Action Center. The organization provides help to the physically disabled and low-income residents of that area. Clients are being referred to the Clearfield Center, but not all the services will be available. It is a difficult situation for many. Dave Zafris reports.

1:43 – Package

Kim Beck – Community Action

8/19/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

POWER CONCERNS

Last week's massive blackouts in the Northeast are raising a host of questions about our power supply. Is the grid outdated? How can we avoid future blackouts? Among those concerned is a Centre County Commissioner who wants the state to take a closer look at our power system. There are only 15 active linemen in the central part of the state.

:47 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

8/20/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NEPOTISM A PROBLEM

Some folks in Bedford are claiming nepotism is a problem in their judicial system. Bedford County Commissioners just hired the daughter of judge Daniel Howsare as the new law clerk.

:46 – SOT/VO

Dave Thompson – Bedford County Commissioner

8/20/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

SIGN DISPUTE

A Bedford County man is trying to resolve a dispute over a sign hanging on the side of his building, which has religious connotations for him but does not meet the city's historic code.

:38 – SOT/VO

Bob Foor – Keeping Sign Up

8/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

BAD REPUBLICAN

Arlen Specter has been a U.S. Senator for over 2 decades in Pennsylvania. Now the National Review magazine is saying that he treats his staff unkindly and he is too liberal.

:45 – SOT/VO

Sen. Arlen Specter – (R) Pennsylvania

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PENNDOT AUDIT

A preliminary audit at PennDOT's Centre County office in Bellefonte shows some problems stemming from the misuse of a state-backed credit card. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:23 - Package

Robert Casey - State Auditor General

8/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

COMMANDMENT PLAQUE

As the controversy grows stronger in the Ten Commandments case in Alabama, it is forcing some to look at a similar situation in our area involving a similar plaque in Altoona's City Hall. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:18 - Package

Wayne Hippo - Altoona City Council

8/21/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

MONEY WASTED?

One area legislator charges that millions of dollars are being wasted in economic development programs that produce few results. State Rep. Camille George points to what happened to FCI Electronics in Clearfield that received state funding and closed a few years later and moved elsewhere.

:46 - SOT/VO

Rep. Camille George - (D) 74th District

8/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

SHUSTER / IRAQ

U.S. Representative Bill Shuster is traveling to Iraq where he will spend a week assessing the need for funding in the reconstruction effort there. He doesn't think the need is as bad as some perceive it.

:48 - SOT/VO

Rep. Bill Shuster - (R) 9th District

8/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

MORE PLAQUE PROBLEMS

With Altoona's Ten Commandments Plaque back in City Hall, four of the five members of a committee formed to figure out what to do with the plaque have quit. A decision by the city council to rehang the plaque brought the Heritage Room Committee to the decision that their opinion was not necessary, so they quit.

:35 - VO

8/27/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

CLEARFIELD COUNTY 911 EXPANDING

In order to save money for the city, DuBois is moving its 911 center to Clearfield. However, DuBois residents will see an increase in the charge on their phone bills.

:51 - SOT/VO

John Sughrue - Clearfield Commissioner

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CHURCH TAXES

More than 50 Bedford County churches have seen their property tax bills increase as a result of assessment that found some buildings were not being directly used for worship. It's causing quite a stir among parishners.

:40 - VO

8/29/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

CHURCH TAX EXEMPTIONS

Today is the deadline for churches in Bedford County to appeal the removal of their 2003 tax exemption. The issue is whether the whole church is eligible for the tax break, or just the sanctuary.

:45 - SOT/VO

William Kisner - Everett Church of God

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9/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Regina Miller

DEALING WITH BUDGET CUTS

There will be some tough times ahead for people needing mental health treatment or drug and alcohol counseling in our region. It's all the result of the state budget cuts. Regina Miller reports on how Centre County is addressing the problem.

:56 - Package

Carol Waltz - Centre County MHMR Director

9/2/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SUNDAY LIQUOR SALES

How well are liquor sales on Sundays doing in Pennsylvania? They have generated an extra 9.6 million dollars since February.

:25 - VO

9/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The city of Altoona will now require those living in public housing to take part in community service in accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998.

:35 - VO

9/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

HELMET REPEAL

It will be official at midnight, some motorcyclists will not be required to wear helmets in Pennsylvania. Many riders don't see the change in law as a big issue.

:48 - OT/VO

Steve Wilson - Zapka Harley Davidson

9/3/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jarrod Latch

HELMET OR NOT

In less than one hour, the motorcycle helmet law will be repealed. How do local cyclists feel about the law coming into action? Jarrod Latch reports.

1:33 - Package

Steve Wilson - Zepka Harley Davidson

Clarence Campbell - Motorcyclist

Andy Frear - Captain, Johnstown Police

9/5/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

ALTOONA LIBRARY CUTS

When the State budget was cut, a lot of organizations feared they would have to cut down. Now that fear is a reality. Staff, hour, and materials are all being cut at the Altoona Public Library.

:54 - SOT/VO

Deborah Weakland - Altoona Library

9/8/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

LAWMAKERS BACK TO WORK

With so many hot topics just waiting to be addressed in Harrisburg, many are questioning if lawmakers' vacations were too long, and if they should have been cut short, considering that so many issues are still unresolved.

:48 - SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelirer - (R) 30th District